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Important Monthly Indicators

INDUSTRIAL:	MAR. 1957	MAR. 1956	FEB. 1957
Anthracite Production (net tons).....*	1,750	2,029	1,885
Bituminous Coal Prod. (net tons).....*	42,750	43,235	39,260
Construction Contracts ($).....*	3,077,997	2,772,970	2,161,009
Copper Production ref. (net tons).....	143,961	143,558	134,291
Copper Deliveries ref. (net tons).....	113,571	139,453	101,565
Industrial Production (FRB)1947-49=100	146.0	141.0	146.0
Mfg. Employment (BLS).....1947-49=100	105.5	106.1	105.8
Mfg. Payrolls (BLS).....1947-49=100	163.4	157.9	164.7
Newsprint Production (net tons).....	738,658	701,866	669,639
Newsprint Shipments (net tons).....	687,754	682,067	662,495
Pig Iron Production (net tons).....*	7,247	7,149	6,658
Rayon Yarn Deliveries (pounds).....	58,100	66,300	57,300
Rubber Consumption (long tons).....	129,795	127,928	124,690
Steel Ingot Production (net tons)....*	10,591	10,925	9,987
Zinc Production (net tons).....	96,715	91,690	93,452
Zinc Shipments (net tons).....	67,097	84,204	67,273
	FEB. 1957	FEB. 1956	JAN. 1957
Coke Production (net tons).....*	6,213	6,483	6,858
Cotton Consumption (bales).....	684,400	760,600	840,600
Electricity Production (kw-hours)....†	55,374	54,859	62,938
Lead Production prim. (net tons).....	47,912	49,475	50,854
Lead Shipments prim. (net tons).....	37,517	39,411	40,549
Motor Vehicles, Factory Sales (units)..	669,028	663,586	719,431
Tires - Production (units).....*	9,169	8,897	9,504
Tires - Shipments (units).....*	8,539	7,483	8,874
Wool Consumption (pounds).....*	35,800	41,800	40,600
	JAN. 1957	JAN. 1956	DEC. 1956
Cement Production (barrels).....*	19,308	21,440	24,429
Cement Shipments (barrels).....*	11,805	13,273	17,822
Cigarette Production (units).....†	35,982	32,871	25,070
Gasoline Production (barrels).....*	123,710	121,733	125,199
Petroleum Production (barrels).....*	231,880	223,160	228,684
Petroleum Consumption (barrels).....*	256,485	248,721	252,361

FINANCIAL:	MAR. 1957	MAR. 1956	FEB. 1957
Bank Debits, Total U. S. ($).....†	197,024	189,793	178,049
Bank Debits, N. Y. C. ($).....†	74,786	73,214	67,035
Bank Debits, Outside N.Y.C. ($).....†	122,237	116,579	111,014
Bond Sales, N.Y. Stock Ex. ($).....*	77,758	99,987	74,802
Bond Sales, Am. Stock Ex. ($).....*	1,189	3,639	1,320
Bond Sales, Municipal ($).....*	483,155	400,650	568,928
Fire Losses ($).....*	104,565	89,315	95,569
Life Insurance Sales ($).....†	5,524	4,589	4,898
Stock Sales N.Y. Stock Ex. (shares)..*	35,652	60,633	37,575
Stock Sales Am. Stock Ex. (shares)...*	17,241	27,586	14,330
	FEB. 1957	FEB. 1956	JAN. 1957
Merchandise Exports U. S. ($).....*	1,605,300	1,361,500	1,678,800
Merchandise Imports U. S. ($).....*	1,004,000	1,051,200	1,118,500
Railway Earnings, Gross ($).....*	815,462	814,619	855,565
Railway Earnings, Net Op. Inc. ($)...*	65,734	67,048	58,266
Retail Sales ($).....†	15,813	15,864	14,193
Wholesale Sales ($).....†	9,570	9,540	10,300
Manufacturing Sales ($).....†	27,858	26,536	28,924
Retail Inventories ($).....†	23,700	23,840	22,890
Wholesale Inventories ($).....†	13,100	12,570	13,180
Manufacturing Inventories ($).....†	52,192	47,227	51,971

(*) 000 Omitted. (†) 000,000 Omitted.

Bank Clearings for Individual Cities—March 1957 and 1956

(Thousands of dollars)

	MAR. 1957	MAR. 1956	% CHANGE	FEB. 1957
Boston.....	2,977,428	2,889,115	+ 3.1	2,655,314
Philadelphia.....	5,449,000	5,235,000	+ 4.1	4,847,000
Buffalo.....	601,416	579,023	+ 3.9	560,274
Pittsburgh.....	2,065,356	2,017,128	+ 2.4	1,874,617
Cleveland.....	2,451,340	2,331,842	+ 5.1	2,243,445
Cincinnati.....	1,221,345	1,189,105	+ 2.7	1,137,607
Baltimore.....	1,604,437	1,511,118	+ 6.2	1,422,156
Richmond.....	815,724	806,745	+ 1.1	758,494
Atlanta.....	1,645,400	1,609,500	+ 2.2	1,509,100
New Orleans.....	901,332	859,272	+ 4.9	854,057
Memphis.....	536,326	536,184	+ 0.03	534,657
Chicago.....	4,803,102	4,555,962	+ 5.4	4,408,482
Detroit.....	3,325,399	3,238,092	+ 2.7	3,003,217
St. Louis.....	1,546,674	1,574,109	- 1.8	1,754,577
Louisville.....	796,864	843,277	- 5.5	799,097
Minneapolis.....	1,647,106	1,591,419	+ 3.5	1,493,335
Kansas City.....	1,723,486	1,712,264	+ 0.7	1,587,742
Omaha.....	662,165	663,731	- 0.2	570,828
Denver.....	850,000	780,933	+ 8.8	746,748
Dallas.....	1,945,396	1,889,707	+ 2.9	1,768,983
Houston.....	1,779,211	1,787,763	- 0.5	1,643,645
Los Angeles.....	3,919,472	3,901,716	+ 0.5	3,398,122
San Francisco.....	2,814,274	2,837,251	- 0.8	2,561,895
Portland, Ore.....	816,111	807,356	+ 1.2	706,849
Seattle.....	876,665	820,121	+ 7.1	731,884
Total 25 Cities....	47,777,029	46,567,733	+ 2.6	43,572,125
New York.....	51,269,100	49,166,547	+ 4.3	43,572,123
Total 26 Cities....	99,046,129	95,734,280	+ 3.5	87,144,248

Bank Clearings for Individual Cities—3 Months 1957, 1956, and 1955

	3 MONTHS 1957	3 MONTHS 1956	% CHANGE	3 MONTHS 1955
Boston.....	8,812,313	8,527,856	+ 3.3	8,031,353
Philadelphia.....	16,087,000	15,476,000	+ 3.9	14,836,000
Buffalo.....	1,823,263	1,735,203	+ 5.1	1,627,508
Pittsburgh.....	6,141,256	5,793,951	+ 6.0	4,927,283
Cleveland.....	7,555,977	7,082,351	+ 6.7	6,006,707
Cincinnati.....	3,701,326	3,550,947	+ 4.3	3,240,023
Baltimore.....	4,685,444	4,429,105	+ 5.8	4,087,929
Richmond.....	2,494,992	2,421,075	+ 3.0	2,247,573
Atlanta.....	5,027,400	4,590,900	+ 9.5	4,413,200
New Orleans.....	2,797,997	2,522,493	+ 10.9	2,309,200
Memphis.....	1,722,175	1,654,540	+ 4.1	1,546,622
Chicago.....	14,444,279	13,875,707	+ 4.1	12,600,163
Detroit, Mich.....	9,875,626	9,684,150	+ 2.0	8,621,677
St. Louis.....	5,055,828	4,719,004	+ 7.1	4,468,028
Louisville.....	2,473,560	2,505,723	- 1.3	2,336,337
Minneapolis.....	4,925,972	4,701,316	+ 5.0	4,265,756
Kansas City.....	5,208,403	5,048,870	+ 3.2	4,863,061
Omaha.....	1,919,992	1,907,825	+ 0.6	1,898,817
Denver.....	2,452,009	2,191,391	+ 11.9	1,990,780
Dallas.....	5,896,453	5,636,326	+ 4.6	5,209,523
Houston.....	5,353,022	5,251,662	+ 1.9	4,560,255
Los Angeles.....	11,442,122	11,584,145	- 1.2	10,347,875
San Francisco.....	8,383,339	8,157,086	+ 2.8	7,427,048
Portland, Ore.....	2,401,606	2,282,224	+ 5.2	2,142,966
Seattle.....	2,498,970	2,377,249	+ 5.1	2,241,175
Total 25 Cities....	143,191,324	137,707,099	+ 4.0	126,246,859
New York.....	146,252,165	136,505,494	+ 7.1	137,052,964
Total 26 Cities....	289,443,489	274,212,593	+ 5.6	263,299,823

Summary of Bank Clearings—Monthly—1954 to Date

(Millions of dollars)

	Total 26 United States Cities 1957	1956	1955	1954	New York City 1957	1956	1955	1954	Total 25 Cities Excluding N. Y. C. 1957	1956	1955	1954
January.....	103,253	96,104	87,462	80,946	51,411	47,789	45,004	42,599	51,842	48,314	42,458	38,347
February.....	87,144	82,375	80,589	76,130	43,572	39,550	42,646	40,866	43,572	42,825	37,943	35,264
March.....	99,046	95,734	95,249	90,883	51,269	49,167	49,403	47,723	47,777	46,568	45,846	43,160
April.....	.....	91,068	83,559	82,815	.....	45,033	41,673	43,437	.....	46,035	41,887	39,378
May.....	.....	96,905	86,047	79,771	.....	48,884	42,099	42,435	.....	48,020	43,948	37,336
June.....	.....	96,069	91,966	89,211	.....	48,987	46,545	47,566	.....	47,082	45,421	41,645
July.....	.....	94,463	83,362	83,729	.....	46,341	41,017	44,207	.....	48,122	42,345	39,522
August.....	.....	93,323	86,995	82,817	.....	45,442	41,453	43,345	.....	47,882	45,543	39,472
September.....	.....	85,266	86,612	80,283	.....	41,832	42,020	40,710	.....	43,434	44,592	39,573
October.....	.....	101,190	90,642	83,176	.....	48,711	44,905	43,134	.....	51,479	45,737	40,042
November.....	.....	93,716	88,603	84,476	.....	45,898	43,333	43,079	.....	47,818	45,270	41,397
December.....	.....	100,171	97,510	98,823	.....	51,523	50,787	52,928	.....	48,648	46,724	45,895
Total.....	.....	1,125,383	1,058,596	1,013,060	.....	559,157	530,883	532,029	.....	566,226	527,712	481,031

Summary of Industrial and Commercial Failures—Monthly—1954 to Date

	Number of Failures 1957	1956	1955	1954	Current Liabilities (000 Omitted) 1957	1956	1955	1954	Total Liabilities (000 Omitted) 1957	1956	1955	1954
January.....	1,148	1,048	939	867	$54,060	$42,890	$37,872	$29,592	$54,825	$43,712	$39,000	$29,906
February.....	1,146	1,024	877	926	65,406	49,189	42,056	47,774	66,200	49,436	42,194	47,909
March.....	1,336	1,170	1,038	1,102	55,833	42,622	41,209	57,280	56,175	43,843	41,289	57,746
April.....	...	985	903	975	.....	41,871	35,968	42,512	.....	42,666	36,299	43,160
May.....	...	1,164	955	943	.....	59,901	34,714	38,494	.....	60,334	34,840	39,068
June.....	...	1,105	914	965	.....	43,013	36,667	41,613	.....	43,293	37,171	41,615
July.....	...	1,018	861	856	.....	48,689	32,543	32,230	.....	48,713	32,706	32,725
August.....	...	1,101	888	912	.....	55,040	36,028	32,582	.....	55,363	36,425	32,712
September.....	...	932	822	819	.....	39,313	33,120	36,381	.....	39,820	33,348	37,757
October.....	...	1,158	919	871	.....	50,004	34,777	29,000	.....	50,343	34,777	29,308
November.....	...	999	945	933	.....	39,886	42,783	35,067	.....	40,285	43,073	36,780
December.....	...	982	908	917	.....	50,279	41,643	40,103	.....	50,358	42,008	40,925
Total.....	...	12,686	10,969	11,086	.....	$562,697	$449,380	$462,628	.....	$568,166	$453,130	$469,611

United States Wholesale Commodity Price Index

BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

INDEX OF WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES (REVISED) 1947-49=100

Group:	MAR. 1957	FEB. 1957	JAN. 1957	MAR. 1956
ALL COMMODITIES	116.9	117.0	116.9	112.8
Farm Products	88.8	88.8	89.3	86.6
Processed Foods	103.7	103.9	104.3	99.2
All Commodities Other Than Farm Products and Foods	125.4	125.5	125.2	121.0
Textile Products and Apparel	95.4	95.7	95.8	95.9
Hides, Skins and Leather Products	98.3	98.0	98.4	97.7
Fuel, Power and Lighting Materials	119.4	119.6	116.3	110.9
Chemicals and Allied Products	108.8	108.8	108.7	106.5
Rubber and Rubber Products	144.3	143 9	145.0	146.2
Lumber and Wood Products	120.1	120.7	121.3	128.0
Pulp, Paper and Allied Products	128.7	128.5	128.6	126.8
Metals and Metal Products	151.0	151.4	152.2	146.5
Machinery and Motive Products	144.6	144.5	143.9	134.7
Furniture, Other Household Durables	121.8	121.9	121.9	118.1
Non-Metallic Minerals - Structural	133.2	132.7	132.0	127.9
Tobacco Mfres. & Bottled Beverages	124.1	124.1	124.0	121.7
Miscellaneous	92.0	92.4	93.2	88.2

United States Consumer Price Index (Cost of Living)

BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Revised Series: 1947-49 = 100

Group:	MAR. 1957	FEB. 1957	JAN. 1957	MAR. 1956
ALL ITEMS	118.9	118.7	118.2	114.7
Food	113.2	113.6	112.6	109.0
Housing	124.9	124.5	123.8	120.7
Apparel	106.8	106.1	106.4	104.8
Transportation	135.1	134.4	133.6	126.7
Medical Care	136.4	135.5	135.3	131.4
Personal Care	122.9	122.6	122.1	119.2
Reading and Recreation	110.5	110.0	109.9	107.7
Other Goods and Services	124.2	124.0	123.8	121.2

United States and Foreign Wholesale Price Index Numbers

	BASE YEAR	FEB. 1957	JAN. 1957	DEC. 1956	NOV. 1956	FEB. 1956
U. S. (B.L.S.)	1947-49	117.0	116.9	116.2	115.9	112.4
Canada	1935-39	228.4	229.4	228.1	226.6	222.2
Costa Rica	1953	109.0	109.0	108.0	109.0	108.0
Denmark	1953	109.0	110.0	110.0	108.0	106.0
Finland	1953	109.0	109.0	107.0	107.0	101.0
France	1953	104.0	105.0	104.0	103.0	103.0
Japan	1953	106.0	106.0	106.0	105.0	99.0
Sweden	1953	109.0	110.0	110.0	109.0	109.0
Switzerland	1953	105.0	105.0	106.0	105.0	102.0
U. K. (Bd. of Tr.)	1953	109.0	110.0	111.0	109.0	106.0
		JAN. 1957	DEC. 1956	NOV. 1956	OCT. 1956	JAN. 1956
Austria	1953	113.0	113.0	112.0	112.0	106.0
Belgium	1953	106.0	106.0	106.0	104.0	103.0
Brazil	1953	....	....	189.0	188.0	154.0
Cuba	1953	....	97.0	96.0	97.0	95.0
Dominican Republic	1953	....	93.0	97.0	94.0	94.0
Germany	1953	105.0	105.0	104.0	103.0	102.0
Greece	1953	131.0	131.0	132.0	129.0	126.0
Guatemala	1953	....	98.0	99.0	103.0	102.0
India	1953	107.0	109.0	109.0	106.0	95.0
Israel	1953	137.0	134.0	132.0	139.0	125.0
Italy	1953	103.0	103.0	102.0	102.0	103.0
Lebanon	1953	....	97.0	98.0	97.0	97.0
Mexico	1953	131.0	130.0	129.0	128.0	130.0
Morocco	1953	102.0	102.0	101.0	100.0	98.0
Netherlands	1953	....	107.0	107.0	105.0	103.0
Norway	1953	112.0	112.0	111.0	110.0	103.0
Peru	1953	....	130.0	128.0	129.0	122.0
Philipines	1953	98.0	98.0	97.0	95.0	91.0
Portugal	1953	101.0	101.0	99.0	97.0	97.0
Spain	1953	....	124.0	119.0	116.0	109.0
Turkey	1953	....	....	142.0	138.0	132.0
Union South Africa	1953	107.0	107.0	106.0	106.0	105.0
Venezuela	1953	100.0	101.0	101.0	101.0	101.0

Dun & Bradstreet Wholesale Food Price Index—1955 to Date

1957		1956		1955	
Jan. 1	$6.13	Jan. 3	$5.95	Jan. 4	$6.75
Jan. 8	6.10	Jan. 10	5.92	Jan. 11	6.81
Jan. 15	6.13	Jan. 17	5.86	Jan. 18	6.84
Jan. 22	6.14	Jan. 24	5.89	Jan. 25	6.88
Jan. 29	6.16	Jan. 31	5.95	Feb. 1	6.85
Feb. 5	6.13	Feb. 7	5.90	Feb. 8	6.77
Feb. 12	6.13	Feb. 14	5.94	Feb. 15	6.69
Feb. 19	6.12	Feb. 21	5.93	Feb. 22	6.65
Feb. 26	6.11	Feb. 28	5.95	Mar. 1	6.63
Mar. 5	6.09	Mar. 6	5.94	Mar. 8	6.55
Mar. 12	6.12	Mar. 13	5.96	Mar. 15	6.53
Mar. 19	6.20	Mar. 20	5.93	Mar. 22	6.55
Mar. 26	6.22	Mar. 27	5.89	Mar. 29	6.52
Apr. 2	6.17	Apr. 3	5.96	Apr. 5	6.49
Apr. 9	6.19	Apr. 10	5.96	Apr. 12	6.54
Apr. 16	6.19	Apr. 17	6.01	Apr. 19	6.52
Apr. 23	6.11	Apr. 24	6.04	Apr. 26	6.42
Apr. 30	6.12	May 1	6.04	May 3	6.38
May 7	....	May 8	6.03	May 10	6.39
May 14	....	May 15	6.14	May 17	6.37
May 21	....	May 22	6.11	May 24	6.34
May 28	....	May 29	6.11	May 31	6.33
June 4	....	June 5	6.18	June 7	6.39
June 11	....	June 12	6.14	June 14	6.51
June 18	....	June 19	6.09	June 21	6.49
June 25	....	June 26	6.03	June 28	6.42
July 2	....	July 3	6.05	July 5	6.33
July 9	....	July 10	6.06	July 12	6.26
July 16	....	July 17	6.01	July 19	6.17
July 23	....	July 24	6.08	July 26	6.17
July 30	....	July 31	6.08	Aug. 2	6.21
Aug. 6	....	Aug. 7	6.10	Aug. 9	6.24
Aug. 13	....	Aug. 14	6.08	Aug. 16	6.23
Aug. 20	....	Aug. 21	6.09	Aug. 23	6.21
Aug. 27	....	Aug. 28	6.04	Aug. 30	6.15
Sept. 3	....	Sept. 4	6.05	Sept. 6	6.19
Sept. 10	....	Sept. 11	6.07	Sept. 13	6.26
Sept. 17	....	Sept. 18	6.06	Sept. 20	6.25
Sept. 24	....	Sept. 25	6.08	Sept. 27	6.28
Oct. 1	....	Oct. 2	6.00	Oct. 4	6.17
Oct. 8	....	Oct. 9	5.97	Oct. 11	6.11
Oct. 15	....	Oct. 16	6.01	Oct. 18	6.08
Oct. 22	....	Oct. 23	5.97	Oct. 25	6.05
Oct. 29	....	Oct. 30	5.96	Nov. 1	6.02
Nov. 5	....	Nov. 6	5.95	Nov. 8	6.00
Nov. 12	....	Nov. 13	6.01	Nov. 15	6.04
Nov. 19	....	Nov. 20	6.10	Nov. 22	6.02
Nov. 26	....	Nov. 27	6.16	Nov. 29	5.99
Dec. 3	....	Dec. 4	6.14	Dec. 6	5.99
Dec. 10	....	Dec. 11	6.18	Dec. 13	5.95
Dec. 17	....	Dec. 18	6.15	Dec. 20	5.96
Dec. 24	....	Dec. 25	6.12	Dec. 27	5.97
Dec. 31	....				
Average	....	Average	$6.03	Average	$6.34

Note: The Wholesale Food Price Index represents the sum total of the price per pound of 31 foodstuffs in general use.

Daily Wholesale Price Index of 30 Basic Commodities

Compiled by Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., from wholesale quotations furnished by the United Press Associations. (1930-32=100)

	APR. 1957	MAR. 1957	FEB. 1957	JAN. 1957	DEC. 1956
1	287.67	290.66	294.89	*	*
2	287.68	*	*	299.78	†
3	287.76	†	†	300.04	301.27
4	287.91	290.66	294.87	299.53	300.18
5	286.99	291.13	293.72	*	300.13
6	*	290.85	293.52	†	300.32
7	†	290.93	293.71	299.51	301.08
8	287.33	290.33	292.73	299.21	*
9	287.45	*	*	299.09	†
10	287.86	†	†	299.21	301.59
11	287.63	290.40	291.94	299.76	300.96
12	287.97	290.83	*	*	301.21
13	*	290.54	292.42	†	301.67
14	†	290.35	292.52	300.11	301.60
15	286.64	289.97	291.95	300.30	*
16	286.84	*	*	300.82	†
17	287.21	†	†	300.82	300.04
18	287.03	289.40	290.93	299.75	299.79
19	*	289.57	290.97	*	300.21
20	*	289.80	291.36	†	300.39
21	†	290.15	290.55	299.09	300.42
22	286.98	289.28	*	299.09	*
23	286.56	*	*	298.98	†
24	285.76	†	†	298.99	*
25	285.87	289.10	291.02	298.31	*
26	286.02	289.32	290.60	*	300.89
27	*	289.19	290.99	†	300.84
28	†	288.77	290.06	298.66	300.23
29	285.62	287.75		298.28	*
30	285.10	*		297.40	†
31		†		296.62	300.23

(*) Holiday (†) Sunday

	High		Low	
1957	300.82	Jan. 15	285.10	Apr. 30
1956	301.71	Nov. 30	278.79	Jan. 17
1955	280.79	Jan. 27	270.68	June 3
1954	279.82	Dec. 28	270.72	June 30
1953	284.18	July 23	274.04	Oct. 8

BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR 217 CITIES

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The following table gives monthly building permit values by cities and by geographical regions. The figures represent estimated building costs under permits issued to prospective builders within the corporate limits of the cities enumerated. They include new residential and new non-residential buildings, as well as additions, alterations, and repairs. Land costs are not included. The data are compiled from reports furnished monthly to Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., by the building departments of the various cities.

	MARCH 1957	MARCH 1956	FEBRUARY 1957
New England:			
Boston, Mass.	$3,509,800	$1,679,485	$805,100
Bridgeport, Conn.	1,031,250	864,300	1,409,625
Bristol, Conn.	258,810	207,299	145,745
Brockton, Mass.	1,358,700	3,020,929	147,600
Cambridge, Mass.	1,184,845	517,615	140,145
Chelsea, Mass.	72,460	14,985	12,195
Everett, Mass.	2,136,462	36,585	226,230
Fall River, Mass.	90,695	118,005	46,875
Fitchburg, Mass.	165,200	44,250	64,145
Greenwich, Conn.	1,582,835	1,108,993	550,483
Hartford, Conn.	2,206,708	300,684	1,896,899
Haverhill, Mass.	1,040,430	105,600	44,550
Holyoke, Mass.	188,450	237,775	92,600
Lawrence, Mass.	189,325	159,475	56,525
Lowell, Mass.	125,285	607,250	207,590
Lynn, Mass.	122,250	214,750	305,800
Manchester, N. H.	280,152	584,150	331,070
Medford, Mass.	495,475	210,250	87,870
New Bedford, Mass.	743,340	457,582	133,340
New Britain, Conn.	431,100	133,350	262,100
New Haven, Conn.	7,426,970	392,378	334,593
Newton, Mass.	1,525,535	389,060	934,775
Norwalk, Conn.	847,531	1,441,284	551,010
Portland, Me.	212,165	338,340	448,316
Providence, R. I.	459,750	505,050	357,800
Quincy, Mass.	555,938	256,393	642,377
Salem, Mass.	1,016,029	1,358,085	168,470
Somerville, Mass.	84,555	24,075	132,672
Springfield, Mass.	528,833	1,313,015	353,987
Stamford, Conn.	5,237,063	1,112,720	2,813,930
Waterbury, Conn.	635,050	740,600	290,300
West Hartford, Conn.	931,722	957,639	509,090
Worcester, Mass.	1,191,325	395,540	2,443,425
Total New England	$37,866,038	$19,847,491	$16,947,232
Middle Atlantic:			
Manhattan (*)	$57,730,000	$15,865,800	$13,460,735
Manhattan (†)	4,869,960	2,721,160	3,013,350
Bronx (*)	2,769,650	10,307,150	4,595,800
Bronx (†)	710,175	496,000	723,650
Brooklyn (*)	5,441,500	4,981,750	4,453,150
Brooklyn (†)	2,611,720	3,891,720	1,295,270
Queens (*)	6,783,900	11,531,562	26,604,470
Queens (†)	1,301,895	1,330,130	1,106,235
Richmond (*)	1,749,800	1,272,350	1,082,750
Richmond (†)	274,550	114,850	139,275
Total N. Y. City	$81,243,150	$52,512,472	$56,474,685
(*) New Work. (†) Alterations.			
Albany, N. Y.	$857,948	$1,375,846	$197,422
Allentown, Pa.	872,880	1,421,350	253,850
Altoona, Pa.	157,995	290,263	149,030
Atlantic City, N. J.	113,758	735,400	197,133
Auburn, N. Y.	250,570	260,700	122,350
Bayonne, N. J.	36,000	56,760	31,175
Binghamton, N. Y.	462,384	501,589	873,353
Buffalo, N. Y.	2,433,353	1,210,135	708,164
Camden, N. J.	238,693	383,226	213,970
East Orange, N. J.	258,223	48,166	220,372
Elizabeth, N. J.	135,440	141,625	448,848
Elmira, N. Y.	114,525	267,230	425,715
Erie, Pa.	4,105,908	834,900	2,076,595
Harrisburg, Pa.	231,355	387,784	1,355,614
Jamestown, N. Y.	376,896	197,058	128,639
Jersey City, N. J.	318,534	821,009	318,223
Lancaster, Pa.	95,415	126,926	88,875
Mount Vernon, N. Y.	141,799	329,355	217,720
Newark, N. J.	561,135	439,175	467,800
New Brunswick, N. J.	152,100	286,000	347,950
New Rochelle, N. Y.	448,940	526,144	191,792
Niagara Falls, N. Y.	1,028,193	745,492	1,022,487
Philadelphia, Pa.	9,059,140	13,360,810	4,302,230
Pittsburgh, Pa.	7,366,977	2,351,224	3,254,106
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	27,000	80,045	62,500
Reading, Pa.	542,824	355,018	295,937
Rochester, N. Y.	850,612	1,109,588	1,496,874
Schenectady, N. Y.	256,400	124,420	401,365
Scranton, Pa.	812,881	402,889	168,170
Syracuse, N. Y.	4,044,807	1,395,900	561,965
Troy, N. Y.	82,283	90,215	71,357
Utica, N. Y.	464,750	971,000	74,500
Watertown, N. Y.	338,253	47,776	44,928
White Plains, N. Y.	696,890	405,150	2,038,387
Wilkes Barre, Pa.	105,975	105,735	90,033
Williamsport, Pa.	197,210	171,735	73,670
Wilmington, Dela.	432,450	466,334	2,374,763
Yonkers, N. Y.	1,091,814	2,606,815	392,339
York, Pa.	158,850	373,202	528,777
Total Middle Atl.	$121,164,310	$88,316,461	$82,763,663

	MARCH 1957	MARCH 1956	FEBRUARY 1957
South Atlantic:			
Asheville, N. C.	$151,001	$1,792,415	$447,445
Atlanta, Ga.	5,264,726	5,207,323	4,780,468
Augusta, Ga.	454,711	299,156	201,584
Baltimore, Md.	7,639,252	5,721,384	11,599,458
Charleston, S. C.	377,245	197,132	123,877
Charlotte, N. C.	1,363,315	1,735,534	1,404,266
Coral Gables, Fla.	731,023	989,349	1,121,138
Greensboro, N. C.	2,022,753	1,246,685	745,105
Greenville, S. C.	163,850	697,075	209,079
Jacksonville, Fla.	2,499,284	1,290,774	2,965,631
Lynchburg, Va.	937,130	3,522,540	952,475
Macon, Ga.	280,852	528,987	357,633
Miami, Fla.	4,551,947	4,311,517	3,491,845
Miami Beach, Fla.	4,626,757	921,105	5,820,402
Norfolk, Va.	700,973	875,578	743,284
Richmond, Va.	1,128,695	1,399,980	3,832,482
Roanoke, Va.	416,396	5,223,003	1,165,707
Savannah, Ga.	322,375	574,000	283,950
Tampa, Fla.	3,891,970	3,999,188	3,740,829
Washington, D. C.	4,429,171	6,836,673	2,876,334
Winston Salem, N. C.	752,801	1,152,086	1,619,667
Total So. Atlantic	$42,706,227	$48,521,484	$48,482,659
East Central:			
Akron, Ohio	$4,079,736	$2,915,932	$3,018,876
Bay City, Mich.	825,000	216,000	145,288
Berwyn, Ills.	596,475	339,110	189,425
Bluefield, W. Va.	75,000	68,775	27,600
Canton, Ohio	873,879	403,925	347,731
Chicago, Ills.	33,610,997	26,667,548	33,463,188
Cincinnati, Ohio	6,848,800	2,616,690	2,400,940
Clarksburg, W. Va.	122,300	197,519	290,985
Cleveland, Ohio	5,693,200	5,989,200	2,412,600
Columbus, Ohio	4,149,645	3,477,610	5,508,050
Dayton, Ohio	1,357,385	2,633,705	1,420,950
Detroit, Mich.	12,357,588	8,335,991	6,860,253
East St. Louis, Ills.	309,875	469,000	20,584
Evanston, Ills.	1,124,612	796,632	4,388,050
Evansville, Ind.	258,600	212,348	82,260
Flint, Mich.	1,103,275	2,266,385	605,225
Fort Wayne, Ind.	614,207	538,556	1,094,516
Gary, Ind.	845,486	1,137,067	354,956
Grand Rapids, Mich.	610,206	1,042,835	338,730
Green Bay, Wisc.	1,989,143	727,492	278,150
Hammond, Ind.	829,595	1,237,381	546,910
Huntington, W. Va.	196,700	419,849	228,404
Indianapolis, Ind.	8,986,292	1,850,242	4,025,808
Lansing, Mich.	994,885	805,875	283,220
Lima, Ohio	188,600	172,625	68,600
Louisville, Ky.	1,628,942	3,219,637	1,498,187
Madison, Wisc.	1,589,328	1,160,667	367,725
Milwaukee, Wisc.	8,218,406	8,203,662	13,458,459
Newark, Ohio	259,230	301,075	757,400
Oak Park, Ills.	104,930	111,624	195,528
Peoria, Ills.	447,478	1,471,009	444,037
Pontiac, Mich.	404,225	541,017	622,142
Quincy, Ills.	176,468	540,598	1,568,069
Racine, Wisc.	726,394	1,519,150	353,745
Rockford, Ills.	1,011,525	1,476,905	789,090
Saginaw, Mich.	772,407	573,517	502,553
South Bend, Ind.	1,167,525	1,237,372	2,053,283
Springfield, Ills.	362,687	872,247	216,785
Springfield, Ohio	194,074	283,185	981,100
Superior, Wisc.	535,520	422,815	12,390
Terre Haute, Ind.	701,495	663,802	228,000
Toledo, Ohio	921,440	2,061,587	674,850
Waukegan, Ills.	938,949	1,520,566	144,940
Wheeling, W. Va.	777,165	273,250	1,805,876
Youngstown, Ohio	1,277,524	1,831,479	935,228
Zanesville, Ohio	40,890	158,550	38,200
Total East Central	$110,898,083	$93,982,006	$96,048,886
South Central:			
Abilene, Texas	$953,849	$4,321,221	$1,082,435
Amarillo, Texas	2,882,326	1,710,582	2,526,229
Austin, Texas	2,345,579	7,696,106	2,627,910
Beaumont, Texas	1,310,689	500,055	1,163,158
Birmingham, Ala.	2,449,795	4,479,335	2,554,489
Chattanooga, Tenn.	941,148	790,921	648,509
Dallas, Texas	13,723,339	9,684,818	8,574,390
El Paso, Texas	2,411,256	2,527,056	4,748,867
Fort Smith, Ark.	321,805	528,885	290,423
Fort Worth, Texas	4,095,356	3,818,490	3,896,422
Galveston, Texas	137,302	132,951	240,019
Houston, Texas	16,531,087	15,092,148	21,455,533
Jackson, Miss.	783,412	861,525	656,560
Knoxville, Tenn.	2,076,995	1,110,891	227,727
Little Rock, Ark.	2,054,356	1,215,617	1,322,567
Memphis, Tenn.	2,792,313	4,395,031	2,642,520
Mobile, Ala.	1,977,984	1,022,353	4,830,458

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	MARCH 1957	MARCH 1956	FEBRUARY 1957
So. Cent. (Cont.)			
Montgomery, Ala.	$821,540	$856,136	$494,356
Muskogee, Okla.	269,600	142,250	61,500
Nashville, Tenn.	656,897	848,355	348,727
New Orleans, La.	5,510,843	10,366,548	4,915,462
Oklahoma City, Okla.	2,406,090	2,795,465	3,948,305
Port Arthur, Texas	309,540	653,142	430,180
San Angelo, Texas	424,296	501,457	608,638
San Antonio, Texas	4,780,025	5,056,673	3,276,147
Shreveport, La.	1,348,811	2,158,206	2,008,908
Tulsa, Okla.	2,853,520	2,083,610	802,025
Waco, Texas	536,948	1,681,428	2,138,783
Wichita Falls, Texas	945,439	583,364	747,259
Total So. Central	$78,652,140	$87,614,619	$79,268,506
West Central:			
Cedar Rapids, Iowa	$1,375,922	$1,151,740	$283,746
Davenport, Iowa	453,410	2,019,045	597,232
Des Moines, Iowa	1,202,012	2,506,797	1,493,668
Dubuque, Iowa	357,093	279,603	89,425
Duluth, Minn.	381,853	352,308	164,200
Fargo, N. D.	229,440	91,100	69,650
Kansas City, Kas.	317,435	1,344,419	610,091
Kansas City, Mo.	3,406,000	4,975,000	3,734,000
Lincoln, Nebr.	875,919	1,508,970	520,805
Minneapolis, Minn.	2,884,621	2,140,601	1,464,615
Omaha, Nebr.	2,417,434	2,899,940	2,075,716
St. Joseph, Mo.	167,800	277,150	325,300
St. Louis, Mo.	1,957,012	3,353,044	1,545,714
St. Paul, Minn.	1,956,218	3,497,660	5,367,407
Sioux City, Iowa	839,136	609,375	264,100
Sioux Falls, S. D.	603,055	735,160	166,445
Topeka, Kas.	1,938,200	711,270	709,840
Wichita, Kas.	2,588,430	2,588,322	2,767,502
Total West Central	$23,950,990	$31,041,504	$22,249,456
Mountain:			
Albuquerque, N. M.	$3,780,328	$2,483,552	$2,033,608
Billings, Mont.	806,900	1,095,000	146,000
Boise, Idaho	354,031	377,618	162,084
Butte, Mont.	122,121	61,986	47,750
Colorado Springs, Col.	982,022	1,879,018	1,252,175
Denver, Col.	6,441,850	8,373,225	4,065,900
Great Falls, Mont.	1,022,437	1,284,381	1,710,389
Ogden, Utah	1,393,300	1,132,000	417,200
Phoenix, Ariz.	2,130,312	2,793,216	2,348,350
Pueblo, Col.	669,604	1,354,459	1,063,246
Salt Lake City, Utah	2,836,907	2,513,430	716,414
Tucson, Ariz.	3,931,160	1,106,720	1,198,665
Total Mountain	$24,470,972	$24,454,605	$15,161,781
Pacific:			
Bakersfield, Cal.	$667,936	$1,537,180	$937,882
Berkeley, Cal.	1,762,964	168,562	248,746
Beverly Hills, Cal.	507,066	350,842	1,046,972
Fresno, Cal.	1,106,950	2,462,608	1,554,867
Glendale, Cal.	936,145	1,546,606	1,319,654
Long Beach, Cal.	4,368,675	17,413,290	4,618,580
Los Angeles, Cal.	51,937,409	40,122,647	31,254,274
Oakland, Cal.	2,187,768	3,210,475	2,384,319
Pasadena, Cal.	1,612,744	2,741,543	1,773,462
Portland, Ore.	3,675,225	4,295,520	1,732,135
Sacramento, Cal.	1,509,680	2,596,933	1,338,225
San Diego, Cal.	9,750,221	10,711,618	6,419,132
San Francisco, Cal.	7,254,487	4,460,900	3,469,067
San Jose, Cal.	3,132,895	5,848,274	3,745,775
Seattle, Wash.	4,087,725	6,857,290	6,842,227
Spokane, Wash.	2,859,085	2,706,239	2,625,728
Stockton, Cal.	4,961,117	1,070,788	653,812
Tacoma, Wash.	2,661,299	1,253,768	861,455
Total Pacific	$104,979,391	$109,355,083	$72,826,312
Total 217 Cities	$544,688,151	$503,133,253	$433,748,495

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	3 MONTHS 1957	3 MONTHS 1956	3 MONTHS 1955
New England:			
Boston, Mass.	$5,804,800	$7,906,668	$7,987,858
Bridgeport, Conn.	3,076,900	2,425,040	2,040,335
Bristol, Conn.	562,870	987,215	912,984
Brockton, Mass.	1,569,100	3,747,184	2,008,430
Cambridge, Mass.	1,854,875	853,230	1,662,156
Chelsea, Mass.	100,155	107,320	71,596
Everett, Mass.	2,513,222	125,646	435,910
Fall River, Mass.	379,120	292,330	356,308
Fitchburg, Mass.	543,645	166,655	96,470
Greenwich, Conn.	2,688,889	2,649,947	2,411,950
Hartford, Conn.	9,027,402	1,509,180	9,830,930
Haverhill, Mass.	1,616,855	159,675	441,755
Holyoke, Mass.	1,116,575	408,450	752,350
Lawrence, Mass.	281,200	502,970	457,725
Lowell, Mass.	399,585	985,510	455,090
Lynn, Mass.	664,750	570,100	662,850
Manchester, N. H.	949,587	1,364,859	1,520,981
Medford, Mass.	615,845	390,410	493,850
New Bedford, Mass.	960,841	1,822,636	476,370
New Britain, Conn.	892,500	719,100	1,236,200
New Haven, Conn.	8,101,990	1,673,786	3,132,536
Newton, Mass.	2,703,035	667,715	1,401,700
Norwalk, Conn.	2,140,816	2,618,384	3,172,393
Portland, Me.	826,931	1,901,228	1,317,346
Providence, R. I.	1,271,100	1,112,900	2,310,900
Quincy, Mass.	1,244,891	786,509	1,089,655
Salem, Mass.	1,404,199	1,720,880	893,420
Somerville, Mass.	280,662	156,146	89,585
Springfield, Mass.	1,703,590	5,305,236	3,306,826
Stamford, Conn.	9,352,948	3,400,213	3,170,689
Waterbury, Conn.	1,125,500	1,452,830	1,893,004
West Hartford, Conn.	2,400,577	2,704,200	2,392,218
Worcester, Mass.	3,725,500	1,554,570	1,169,387
Total New England	$71,900,455	$52,748,722	$59,651,757
Middle Atlantic:			
Manhattan.....*	$85,518,894	$106,779,798	$63,478,939
Manhattan.....†	12,087,210	8,049,210	6,819,840
Bronx.....*	10,205,950	19,992,800	17,910,942
Bronx.....†	2,765,275	1,502,235	2,012,168
Brooklyn.....*	18,166,250	14,706,550	20,625,450
Brooklyn.....†	6,481,385	7,128,390	5,072,625
Queens.....*	46,055,860	37,374,433	34,378,353
Queens.....†	2,961,975	4,685,005	3,400,565
Richmond.....*	3,800,250	2,875,700	2,766,055
Richmond.....†	458,325	326,855	223,485
Total New York City. (*) New Work.	$188,501,374 (†) Alterations.	$203,420,976	$156,688,422
Albany, N. Y.	$2,008,866	$2,025,921	$3,281,202
Allentown, Pa.	1,989,110	3,918,035	2,674,550
Altoona, Pa.	418,465	563,796	338,016
Atlantic City, N. J.	428,124	2,732,522	400,647
Middle Atl. (Cont.)			
Auburn, N. Y.	$408,320	$414,759	$213,695
Bayonne, N. J.	303,115	207,000	1,104,760
Binghamton, N. Y.	1,443,712	683,379	522,620
Buffalo, N. Y.	3,726,294	2,566,595	4,869,441
Camden, N. J.	897,984	707,201	624,620
East Orange, N. J.	564,420	3,384,084	303,716
Elizabeth, N. J.	1,238,613	665,754	1,024,418
Elmira, N. J.	568,018	348,280	460,794
Erie, Pa.	6,669,453	1,648,810	2,642,800
Harrisburg, Pa.	2,079,800	1,049,839	6,979,597
Jamestown, N. Y.	789,622	284,338	2,177,519
Jersey City, N. J.	8,081,684	1,366,195	2,878,580
Lancaster, Pa.	245,856	392,751	746,390
Mount Vernon, N. Y.	419,282	1,351,642	2,191,226
Newark, N. J.	2,807,360	6,996,962	2,024,402
New Brunswick, N. J.	588,885	501,400	4,104,335
New Rochelle, N. Y.	774,580	2,014,556	4,813,926
Niagara Falls, N. Y.	2,738,425	1,813,061	1,799,057
Philadelphia, Pa.	20,772,450	26,380,040	35,004,470
Pittsburgh, Pa.	13,060,553	5,773,981	16,706,887
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	145,500	546,356	306,734
Reading, Pa.	1,156,379	839,756	1,610,469
Rochester, N. Y.	3,041,461	1,909,630	4,844,113
Schenectady, N. Y.	1,866,888	370,771	447,219
Scranton, Pa.	1,202,946	905,039	1,284,251
Syracuse, N. Y.	5,088,552	3,170,940	2,749,685
Troy, N. Y.	266,927	277,760	406,836
Utica, N. Y.	568,475	1,031,500	281,100
Watertown, N. Y.	403,281	176,667	122,090
White Plains, N. Y.	3,253,599	4,612,315	1,591,362
Wilkes Barre, Pa.	225,030	359,711	752,286
Williamsport, Pa.	588,722	505,166	355,657
Wilmington, Dela.	3,255,517	1,483,744	2,606,203
Yonkers, N. Y.	2,755,543	4,658,439	3,058,270
York, Pa.	798,329	735,068	398,062
Total Middle Atl.	$286,141,514	$292,794,739	$275,390,427
South Atlantic:			
Asheville, N. C.	$833,296	$2,369,001	$712,556
Atlanta, Ga.	14,487,134	13,982,454	22,578,737
Augusta, Ga.	1,131,186	1,132,010	1,596,274
Baltimore, Md.	27,601,090	19,041,780	23,721,668
Charleston, S. C.	718,427	580,449	538,873
Charlotte, N. C.	3,962,609	5,890,931	8,426,196
Coral Gables, Fla.	2,884,037	2,758,632	3,504,636
Greensboro, N. C.	4,888,482	3,780,510	2,635,980
Greenville, S. C.	562,429	1,843,981	1,454,798
Jacksonville, Fla.	7,570,420	5,264,015	4,134,572
Lynchburg, Va.	2,276,405	4,389,135	2,586,003
Macon, Ga.	1,003,116	1,162,847	689,659
Miami, Fla.	12,936,876	11,301,605	14,490,536
Miami Beach, Fla.	11,426,276	2,452,236	8,960,394
Norfolk, Va.	2,264,031	3,007,159	3,322,025

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BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR 217 CITIES—Continued

3 Months 1957, 1956, and 1955

	3 MONTHS 1957	3 MONTHS 1956	3 MONTHS 1955
South Atl. (Cont.)			
Richmond, Va.....	$6,297,662	$4,843,143	$4,532,885
Roanoke, Va.....	2,097,961	7,779,607	2,841,659
Savannah, Ga.....	817,125	1,303,634	1,685,765
Tampa, Fla.....	12,105,114	15,359,057	12,423,620
Washington, D. C....	12,148,963	13,763,167	20,129,767
Winston Salem, N. C.	3,691,565	3,892,949	2,892,668
Total South Atl.....	$131,704,204	$125,898,302	$143,859,271
East Central:			
Akron, Ohio.....	$8,093,355	$9,965,206	$7,070,709
Bay City, Mich.....	1,149,839	547,348	710,094
Berwyn, Ills.....	878,700	595,909	1,235,218
Bluefield, W. Va....	128,800	136,380	417,721
Canton, Ohio.....	2,067,339	1,383,453	1,289,177
Chicago, Ills.....	91,952,919	74,306,742	54,696,700
Cincinnati, Ohio....	14,306,475	8,432,620	8,782,270
Clarksburg, W. Va...	434,931	303,257	492,120
Cleveland, Ohio.....	10,521,100	16,092,000	14,636,000
Columbus, Ohio.....	12,278,145	7,954,980	7,065,010
Dayton, Ohio.....	3,460,355	5,324,439	6,074,633
Detroit, Mich.....	24,740,250	25,042,733	35,205,724
East St. Louis, Ills	410,452	1,414,900	897,620
Evanston, Ills.....	5,853,162	2,552,393	2,606,625
Evansville, Ind.....	484,600	973,082	1,185,067
Flint, Mich.....	3,694,165	5,638,405	4,780,920
Fort Wayne, Ind.....	2,936,045	2,924,740	4,755,752
Gary, Ind.....	2,172,642	3,173,830	3,061,051
Grand Rapids, Mich..	1,252,511	2,062,550	2,303,125
Green Bay Wis.....	2,480,260	1,688,118	6,827,324
Hammond, Ind.....	1,983,842	4,266,662	3,090,822
Huntington, W. Va...	684,054	792,536	1,050,948
Indianapolis, Ind...	14,349,049	7,082,940	5,157,606
Lansing, Mich.....	1,469,486	2,378,260	6,214,945
Lima, Ohio.....	374,350	409,300	652,775
Louisville, Ky.....	3,725,558	8,179,577	5,267,181
Madison, Wis.....	2,298,153	2,037,737	2,516,504
Milwaukee, Wis.....	26,878,146	18,446,754	22,995,914
Newark, Ohio.....	1,113,705	731,135	1,364,585
Oak Park, Ills.....	2,537,538	440,069	662,238
Peoria, Ills.....	1,324,403	3,186,133	3,316,601
Pontiac, Mich.....	1,288,777	1,729,040	2,275,518
Quincy, Ills.....	1,903,707	829,038	689,270
Racine, Wis.....	2,378,859	3,245,863	3,657,280
Rockford, Ills.....	2,484,065	3,488,600	4,184,210
Saginaw, Mich.....	1,506,201	1,363,039	2,478,065
South Bend, Ind.....	4,176,753	2,444,313	3,368,518
Springfield, Ills...	653,372	3,677,610	976,855
Springfield, Ohio...	1,541,254	434,185	411,300
Superior, Wis.....	585,799	795,255	42,830
Terre Haute, Ind....	974,945	946,903	700,451
Toledo, Ohio.....	2,774,240	3,896,377	2,785,950
Waukegan, Ills.....	1,377,199	3,939,476	1,073,478
Wheeling, W. Va.....	2,954,293	958,511	664,640
Youngstown, Ohio....	3,122,785	4,522,905	2,493,453
Zanesville, Ohio....	213,190	256,160	118,592
Total East Central..	$273,969,768	$250,991,463	$242,303,389
South Central:			
Abilene, Texas.....	$2,923,574	$8,279,827	$4,922,932
Amarillo, Texas.....	9,138,574	5,151,665	7,409,231
Austin, Texas.....	10,559,700	13,531,156	10,458,185
Beaumont, Texas.....	3,820,430	4,150,802	2,124,844
Birmingham, Ala.....	9,094,919	9,985,746	8,892,558
Chattanooga, Tenn...	2,437,434	2,356,821	1,669,462
Dallas, Texas.....	30,841,977	45,897,950	49,031,191
El Paso, Texas.....	8,927,808	7,869,413	9,555,774
Fort Smith, Ark.....	1,426,650	1,352,643	927,008
Fort Worth, Texas...	14,774,972	9,581,169	15,005,112
Galveston, Texas....	499,827	871,399	604,569
Houston, Texas.....	66,312,351	41,521,444	36,625,178
Jackson, Miss.....	2,384,369	3,296,606	4,223,589
Knoxville, Tenn.....	2,617,761	3,576,406	2,823,809
Little Rock, Ark....	3,893,383	2,276,540	3,426,026
Memphis, Tenn.....	7,392,697	10,804,636	12,361,828
South Cent. (Cont.)			
Mobile, Ala.....	$9,030,264	$3,701,833	$4,446,692
Montgomery, Ala.....	2,152,477	3,194,773	4,075,031
Muskogee, Okla.....	488,050	298,350	220,300
Nashville, Tenn.....	1,398,642	2,819,399	2,927,838
New Orleans, La.....	16,711,045	22,814,433	41,111,607
Oklahoma City, Okla.	8,147,480	8,432,231	11,759,807
Port Arthur, Texas..	1,216,405	1,253,578	1,652,552
San Angelo, Texas...	4,370,107	1,769,218	2,383,566
San Antonio, Texas..	12,892,240	21,344,108	16,546,733
Shreveport, La.....	4,623,416	7,864,656	5,890,785
Tulsa, Okla.....	4,151,271	5,012,510	4,923,460
Waco, Texas.....	3,338,354	3,708,589	3,938,691
Wichita Falls, Texas.	2,742,638	2,460,620	3,133,376
Total South Cent....	$248,308,815	$255,178,521	$273,071,734
West Central:			
Cedar Rapids, Iowa..	$2,027,454	$3,005,278	$3,621,867
Davenport, Iowa.....	1,624,657	2,844,011	1,615,200
Des Moines, Iowa....	3.181,138	4,306,667	8,458,655
Dubuque, Iowa.....	941,078	1,893,741	838,939
Duluth, Minn.....	685,926	812,930	1,833,795
Fargo, N. D.....	457,690	165,025	431,610
Kansas City, Kas....	1,596,183	2,678,785	3,253,086
Kansas City, Mo.....	9,699,000	9,940,000	17,475,000
Lincoln, Neb.....	1,604,500	3,134,631	3,619,930
Minneapolis, Minn...	6,378,219	4,426,853	5,829,929
Omaha, Neb.....	6,012,707	6,439,095	4,231,186
St. Joseph, Mo.....	623,200	624,950	1,582,647
St. Louis, Mo.....	7,074,886	7,937,632	15,171,590
St. Paul, Minn.....	8,802,247	6,013,100	6,507,284
Sioux City, Iowa....	1,192,136	1,147,075	715,300
Sioux Falls, S. D...	993,967	1,232,074	1,201,542
Topeka, Kas.....	3,269,310	1,771,230	1,744,654
Wichita, Kas.....	6,735,857	9,784,486	13,632,939
Total West Central..	$62,900,155	$68,157,563	$91,765,153
Mountain:			
Albuquerque, N. M...	$8,714,841	$9,162,761	$10,913,456
Billings, Mont.....	1,028,300	1,458,550	1,477,150
Boise, Idaho.....	752,763	880,357	1,492,113
Butte, Mont.....	688,121	119,455	123,884
Colorado Springs, Col .	2,983,862	4,528,666	5,644,755
Denver, Col.....	14,993,900	24,263,053	28,243,900
Great Falls, Mont...	3,030,247	2,100,480	909,518
Ogden, Utah.....	1,983,900	1,630,500	2,480,200
Phoenix, Ariz.....	5,946,512	6,076,649	5,493,906
Pueblo, Col.....	2,834,915	2,403,850	3,643,891
Salt Lake City, U...	3,912,905	5,047,268	3,625,307
Tucson, Ariz.....	6,168,180	4,734,734	3,128,099
Total Mountain.....	$53,038,446	$62,406,323	$67,176,179
Pacific:			
Bakersfield, Cal....	$2,485,123	$4,321,461	$3,474,415
Berkeley, Cal.....	2,954,497	1,346,871	1,932,112
Beverly Hills, Cal..	2,430,898	1,548,759	2,434,814
Fresno, Cal.....	3,652,029	4,500,321	5,984,269
Glendale, Cal.....	3,465,621	6,318,109	2,765,736
Long Beach, Cal.....	13,409,365	22,687,275	16,662,360
Los Angeles, Cal....	120,342,013	111,577,051	103,417,133
Oakland, Cal.....	8,994,414	7,856,732	6,246,022
Pasadena, Cal.....	4,491,879	5,725,747	4,154,461
Portland, Ore.....	10,259,915	10,207,110	11,279,995
Sacramento, Cal.....	5,502,730	10,472,739	7,027,366
San Diego, Cal.....	30,261,988	21,106,189	23,248,450
San Francisco, Cal..	15,809,995	17,066,156	13,764,468
San Jose, Cal.....	10,608,114	11,814,449	5,300,840
Seattle, Wash.....	15,747,472	15,929,710	19,340,595
Spokane, Wash.....	5,992,116	5,455,731	5,233,450
Stockton, Cal.....	6,359,253	2,578,971	2,223,192
Tacoma, Wash.....	5,093,993	3,424,246	4,010,403
Total Pacific.....	$267,861,415	$263,937,627	$238,500,081
Total 217 Cities....	$1,595,824,772	$1,372,113,260	$1,391,717,991

BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR 217 CITIES—MONTHLY—1955 TO DATE

	TOTAL UNITED STATES - 217 CITIES			NEW YORK CITY			OUTSIDE NEW YORK CITY - 216 CITIES		
	1957	1956	1955	1957	1956	1955	1957	1956	1955
Jan....	$417,388,126	$431,357,658	$406,628,525	$50,783,539	$61,735,949	$49,423,105	$366,604,587	$369,621,709	$357,205,420
Feb....	433,748,495	437,622,349	442,092,367	56,474,685	89,172,555	47,687,734	377,273,810	348,449,794	394,404,633
Mar....	544,688,151	503,133,253	542,997,099	81,243,150	52,512,472	59,577,583	463,445,001	450,620,781	483,419,516
Apr....	.....	524,093,168	521,173,029	.....	33,453,589	49,939,864	.....	490,639,579	471,233,165
May....	.....	596,114,034	565,327,637	.....	70,889,351	65,782,634	.....	525,224,683	499,545,003
June...	.....	558,856,212	634,030,839	.....	50,349,355	99,080,484	.....	508,505,857	534,950,355
July...	.....	593,229,352	511,841,797	.....	95,455,909	51,383,412	.....	497,773,443	460,458,385
Aug....	.....	615,258,760	555,829,122	.....	114,957,757	41,436,766	.....	500,301,003	514,392,356
Sept...	.....	526,234,213	477,025,801	.....	96,679,762	58,177,460	.....	429,554,451	418,848,341
Oct....	.....	535,228,128	487,392,751	.....	72,251,619	44,087,975	.....	462,976,509	443,304,776
Nov....	.....	489,401,866	429,366,384	.....	74,795,675	55,764,815	.....	414,606,191	373,601,569
Dec....	.....	386,355,828	349,091,618	.....	49,355,515	45,121,585	.....	337,000,313	303,970,033
Total..	.....	$6,196,884,821	$5,922,796,969	.....	$861,609,508	$667,463,417	.....	$5,335,275,313	$5,255,333,552

NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS BY STATES AND GEOGRAPHICAL REGIONS

	MAR. 1957	FEB. 1957	JAN. 1957	MAR. 1956	THREE MONTHS 1957	THREE MONTHS 1956	THREE MONTHS 1955	THREE MONTHS 1954
NEW ENGLAND								
Maine	33	41	51	42	125	149	145	110
New Hampshire	45	30	40	48	115	127	101	108
Vermont	18	18	15	25	51	57	60	36
Massachusetts	354	312	427	305	1,093	1,012	993	841
Connecticut	193	140	247	191	580	616	634	451
Rhode Island	91	85	126	103	302	328	327	260
Total New England	734	626	906	714	2,266	2,289	2,260	1,806
MIDDLE ATLANTIC								
New York	2,383	2,151	2,935	2,429	7,469	7,923	8,305	6,778
New Jersey	773	587	864	808	2,224	2,431	2,364	1,844
Pennsylvania	396	303	442	421	1,141	1,251	1,140	964
Total Middle Atlantic	3,552	3,041	4,241	3,658	10,834	11,605	11,809	9,586
EAST NORTH CENTRAL								
Ohio	500	654	832	828	1,986	2,370	2,133	1,767
Indiana	178	191	237	236	606	625	590	431
Illinois	623	512	681	738	1,816	2,070	1,605	1,383
Michigan	333	284	271	451	888	1,363	1,341	1,089
Wisconsin	184	174	173	201	531	639	607	416
Total East North Central	1,818	1,815	2,194	2,454	5,827	7,067	6,276	5,086
WEST NORTH CENTRAL								
Minnesota	146	117	176	144	439	431	497	374
Iowa	61	45	62	107	168	234	218	126
Missouri	191	173	194	230	558	710	698	526
North Dakota	16	7	19	23	42	60	62	51
South Dakota	26	23	25	23	74	62	72	55
Nebraska	73	52	58	66	183	197	172	119
Kansas	70	69	68	76	207	241	254	179
Total West North Central	583	486	602	669	1,671	1,935	1,973	1,430
SOUTH ATLANTIC								
Maryland	288	210	238	236	736	665	745	540
Delaware	343	265	346	277	954	802	976	722
Virginia	160	124	142	212	426	644	510	430
West Virginia	59	55	91	66	205	203	178	195
North Carolina	173	264	157	145	594	487	486	360
South Carolina	83	90	55	83	228	291	231	180
Georgia	186	167	242	197	595	568	551	416
Florida	811	792	812	788	2,415	2,140	1,797	1,217
Total South Atlantic	2,103	1,967	2,083	2,004	6,153	5,800	5,474	4,060
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL								
Kentucky	99	82	112	100	293	318	292	204
Tennessee	120	104	138	142	362	412	441	307
Alabama	86	92	115	104	293	328	276	190
Mississippi	54	44	76	57	174	170	158	126
Total East South Central	359	322	441	403	1,122	1,228	1,167	827
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL								
Arkansas	64	35	77	68	176	221	149	108
Oklahoma	117	96	127	121	340	398	395	284
Louisiana	156	149	223	161	528	476	409	259
Texas	307	503	289	353	1,099	1,489	1,386	909
Total West South Central	644	783	716	703	2,143	2,584	2,339	1,560
MOUNTAIN								
Montana	26	28	41	33	95	77	92	82
Idaho	31	46	28	29	105	128	106	83
Wyoming	19	14	28	26	61	75	84	62
Colorado	166	136	179	173	481	447	562	310
New Mexico	36	36	36	29	108	96	127	80
Arizona	129	102	153	130	384	366	341	250
Utah	47	47	61	41	155	136	203	139
Nevada	88	73	83	89	244	260	401	227
Total Mountain	542	482	609	550	1,633	1,585	1,916	1,233
PACIFIC								
Washington	116	113	152	171	381	475	485	326
Oregon	102	76	122	124	300	325	322	182
California	1,262	1,080	1,321	1,372	3,663	3,795	3,946	2,494
Total Pacific	1,480	1,269	1,595	1,667	4,344	4,595	4,753	3,002
TOTAL 48 STATES	11,815	10,791	13,387	12,822	35,993	38,688	37,967	28,590

NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS—48 STATES—MONTHLY—1947 to Date

	1957	1956	1955	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947
January	13,387	13,363	13,181	9,543	9,468	8,357	8,515	9,070	7,906	11,000	12,112
February	10,791	12,503	11,369	8,533	7,943	7,138	6,590	7,736	6,362	7,873	9,111
March	11,815	12,822	13,417	10,514	9,659	7,902	7,649	9,180	7,637	9,346	10,247
April	.....	12,475	11,756	10,272	9,507	8,284	7,653	8,375	7,273	9,223	9,802
May	.....	13,142	12,029	9,280	8,968	7,915	7,544	9,216	7,445	8,246	9,179
June	.....	11,952	12,605	9,748	8,926	7,819	6,810	8,861	7,260	8,550	8,922
July	.....	11,513	10,893	9,409	8,703	7,549	6,428	7,191	6,424	7,690	9,041
August	.....	11,339	10,983	9,041	7,487	7,088	6,496	7,201	6,828	6,723	8,055
September	.....	9,583	11,024	9,256	7,433	7,529	5,950	6,277	6,867	6,930	8,561
October	.....	11,546	10,698	9,852	8,267	8,223	6,812	6,782	6,877	6,686	9,609
November	.....	9,749	10,157	9,735	7,269	6,741	6,289	6,256	6,755	6,413	7,873
December	.....	10,788	11,539	11,981	8,915	8,274	6,913	6,780	7,857	7,421	10,126
Total	.....	140,775	139,651	117,164	102,545	92,819	83,649	92,925	85,491	96,101	112,638

Failures by Divisions of Industry—March and 3 Months 1957, 1956, and 1955

	NUMBER OF FAILURES						CURRENT LIABILITIES IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS					
	MONTH OF MARCH			THREE MONTHS			MONTH OF MARCH			THREE MONTHS		
Mining & Manufacturing:	1957	1956	1955	1957	1956	1955	1957	1956	1955	1957	1956	1955
Mining-Coal, Oil, Miscellaneous	11	6	6	21	10	16	1,195	1,454	603	4,794	3,186	1,564
Food & Kindred Products	16	18	10	44	58	47	581	549	1,548	3,732	2,981	4,067
Textile Mill Products & Apparel	58	57	48	149	159	140	5,198	2,915	3,979	10,111	8,922	7,703
Lumber & Lumber Products	48	39	29	120	101	69	1,514	2,808	2,139	6,576	6,518	3,484
Paper, Printing & Publishing	13	8	10	36	27	32	654	252	648	1,624	705	1,944
Chemicals & Allied Products	10	4	8	15	11	13	680	183	128	1,626	2,112	904
Leather & Leather Products	3	10	4	17	23	21	209	338	180	2,613	1,250	857
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	6	5	6	17	6	10	348	807	675	755	862	968
Iron, Steel & Products	8	11	20	32	33	46	1,246	484	1,622	18,893	3,302	6,215
Machinery	28	30	36	71	87	83	2,882	3,771	3,463	7,545	10,182	11,175
Transportation Equipment	5	3	7	18	16	17	427	161	176	1,423	1,438	2,050
Miscellaneous	33	33	41	95	104	114	2,826	1,927	1,760	7,575	6,280	6,548
Total Mining & Manufacturing	239	224	225	635	635	608	17,760	15,649	16,921	67,267	47,738	47,479
Wholesale Trade:												
Food & Farm Products	31	21	31	73	75	86	2,078	489	1,095	6,161	2,373	3,354
Apparel	4	5	6	15	19	19	110	81	236	828	523	538
Dry Goods	4	6	4	6	12	11	62	123	84	108	251	476
Lumber, Bldg. Mtls., Hardware	14	18	14	32	47	37	750	1,526	615	1,499	3,492	1,599
Chemicals & Drugs	5	4	3	14	11	10	142	57	51	525	183	225
Motor Vehicles & Auto Equipment	5	8	5	22	17	18	226	99	69	1,388	746	467
Miscellaneous	58	60	56	156	155	156	2,632	3,064	2,782	7,117	7,294	7,002
Total Wholesale Trade	121	122	119	318	336	337	6,000	5,439	4,932	17,626	14,862	13,661
Retail Trade:												
Food & Liquor	113	77	83	304	239	229	3,005	1,264	1,732	6,138	3,432	4,105
General Merchandise	21	24	18	83	68	54	694	421	250	3,724	3,286	1,361
Apparel & Accessories	101	124	87	331	330	251	2,184	2,160	1,617	6,530	7,279	4,867
Furniture, Home Furnishings	105	70	81	278	225	212	3,777	2,326	3,171	9,955	7,057	6,932
Lumber, Bldg. Mtls., Hardware	57	26	29	123	86	76	1,660	532	662	4,151	2,728	1,827
Automotive Group	74	58	48	200	183	120	1,345	2,273	1,504	5,202	8,553	3,124
Eating & Drinking Places	133	105	114	331	276	252	2,512	1,887	2,035	8,540	5,973	4,852
Drug Stores	14	12	15	43	38	33	229	218	306	1,579	671	653
Miscellaneous	54	66	45	159	173	161	2,410	1,349	695	4,639	3,080	2,826
Total Retail Trade	672	572	520	1,852	1,618	1,388	17,816	12,430	11,972	50,458	42,059	30,547
Construction:												
General Building Contractors	80	52	35	224	152	99	4,697	3,035	2,132	17,033	11,326	12,729
Building Sub-Contractors	114	89	64	301	243	186	4,004	3,452	1,795	9,544	10,325	6,936
Other Contractors	11	9	9	37	22	23	1,723	602	541	2,959	1,482	1,471
Total Construction	205	150	108	562	417	308	10,424	7,089	4,468	29,536	23,133	21,136
Commercial Service:												
Passenger & Freight Transportation	33	38	20	84	72	61	1,230	967	1,860	2,992	2,383	3,934
Miscellaneous Public Services	6	4	2	11	6	5	1,005	141	25	1,394	184	149
Hotels	4	3	2	10	14	10	579	56	440	1,480	2,116	1,885
Cleaning, Dyeing & Repairing	15	14	8	35	28	26	398	282	108	658	441	406
Laundries	4	1	3	13	9	15	53	17	39	1,135	312	448
Undertakers	..	1	1	1	1	2	..	1	41	10	1	74
Other Personal Services	6	10	6	16	23	20	158	152	61	241	247	212
Business & Repair Services	31	31	24	93	83	74	410	399	342	2,502	1,225	1,206
Total Commercial Service	99	102	66	263	236	213	3,833	2,015	2,916	10,412	6,909	8,314
TOTAL UNITED STATES	1,336	1,170	1,038	3,630	3,242	2,854	55,833	42,622	41,209	175,299	134,701	121,137

Failures in Large Cities—March and 3 Months 1957, 1956, and 1955

	NUMBER OF FAILURES						CURRENT LIABILITIES IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS					
	MONTH OF MARCH			THREE MONTHS			MONTH OF MARCH			THREE MONTHS		
Cities (1940 Population Ranking)	1957	1956	1955	1957	1956	1955	1957	1956	1955	1957	1956	1955
New York, N. Y.	210	199	219	517	579	575	9,345	7,961	7,119	22,545	20,493	21,888
Chicago, Ills.	17	19	25	79	72	75	1,403	2,405	1,574	6,067	7,401	3,407
Philadelphia, Pa.	30	27	27	84	80	65	2,169	1,959	851	4,693	3,392	2,302
Detroit, Mich.	25	16	16	67	39	29	1,370	417	632	3,696	1,331	3,082
Los Angeles, Cal.	29	29	30	86	90	112	711	779	953	3,841	3,034	3,250
Cleveland, Ohio	13	14	10	36	39	22	902	788	454	1,426	1,304	951
Baltimore, Md.	8	15	19	27	30	36	242	400	814	1,79[illegible]	1,060	1,066
St. Louis, Mo.	4	1	1	15	15	6	83	21	2	495	996	69
Boston, Mass.	4	11	9	18	30	35	523	311	366	1,008	2,425	1,277
Pittsburgh, Pa.	13	5	10	31	11	19	480	95	132	3,509	184	1,583
Washington, D. C.	3	4	4	14	8	11	166	78	156	589	172	6,108
San Francisco, Cal.	14	13	17	44	37	52	498	310	498	1,426	768	1,714
Milwaukee, Wisc.	9	9	10	20	23	35	257	178	132	1,051	422	716
Buffalo, N. Y.	8	..	4	20	11	16	533	..	92	1,435	983	678
New Orleans, La.	1	2	3	10	9	10	10	11	147	391	203	578
Minneapolis, Minn.	11	1	3	31	12	12	185	17	78	654	980	402
Cincinnati, Ohio	2	4	2	9	11	10	44	156	114	264	298	452
Newark, N. J.	6	9	11	17	33	27	445	253	1,350	859	2,060	2,057
Kansas City, Mo.	3	2	1	16	6	1	122	174	29	709	391	29
Indianapolis, Ind.	7	3	2	16	6	6	577	30	23	732	97	221
Houston, Texas	2	4	4	8	6	8	57	478	340	186	766	426
Seattle, Wash.	12	17	5	34	28	18	707	869	130	1,229	1,071	502
Rochester, N. Y.	..	4	3	12	14	10	..	77	61	767	723	135
Louisville, Ky.	1	4	1	1	11	2	4	141	49	4	358	73
Denver, Col.	14	8	4	40	29	15	459	239	98	3,125	797	447
Total 25 Cities	446	420	440	1,252	1,229	1,207	21,292	18,147	16,194	62,498	51,709	53,413
Balance of Country	890	750	598	2,378	2,013	1,647	34,541	24,475	25,015	112,801	82,992	67,724
Total United States	1,336	1,170	1,038	3,630	3,242	2,854	55,833	42,622	41,209	175,299	134,701	121,137

United States Failures by States—March and 3 Months 1957, 1956, and 1955

	NUMBER OF FAILURES						CURRENT LIABILITIES IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS					
	MONTH OF MARCH			THREE MONTHS			MONTH OF MARCH			THREE MONTHS		
	1957	1956	1955	1957	1956	1955	1957	1956	1955	1957	1956	1955
New England:												
Maine	3	3	5	12	8	11	68	44	296	435	120	405
New Hampshire	2	1	3	9	1	13	52	16	46	194	16	706
Vermont	1	..	1	3	2	3	33	..	123	98	217	166
Massachusetts	18	44	26	72	106	94	1,100	1,497	1,092	3,825	5,644	3,540
Connecticut	23	13	22	64	39	42	1,201	243	871	18,326	2,472	1,353
Rhode Island	10	11	6	45	51	24	639	189	277	1,985	4,081	929
Total New England	57	72	63	205	339	187	3,093	1,989	2,705	24,863	12,550	7,099
Middle Atlantic:												
New York	294	266	292	768	774	740	12,617	9,948	10,122	33,629	27,344	28,696
New Jersey	67	58	42	169	166	118	3,265	1,623	4,727	10,209	7,764	7,616
Pennsylvania	92	67	63	238	176	174	4,609	3,865	1,970	12,447	7,727	7,964
Total Middle Atlantic	453	391	397	1,175	1,116	1,032	20,491	15,436	16,819	56,285	42,835	44,276
East North Central:												
Ohio	73	52	34	180	131	95	2,174	3,139	1,528	7,483	6,337	3,130
Indiana	13	9	8	32	27	25	1,250	131	205	1,767	551	1,927
Illinois	42	41	44	152	119	111	2,270	3,524	2,270	10,843	9,639	4,442
Michigan	57	32	28	153	96	57	2,724	1,373	1,050	6,813	4,733	4,059
Wisconsin	21	22	30	56	62	82	744	429	613	2,215	1,756	1,659
Total East North Central	206	156	144	573	435	370	9,162	8,596	5,666	29,121	23,016	15,217
West North Central:												
Minnesota	24	8	9	58	39	31	1,779	102	232	2,688	1,573	3,610
Iowa	7	9	5	19	24	10	1,303	308	540	1,486	860	620
Missouri	9	7	8	39	32	19	243	222	283	1,456	1,889	584
North Dakota	..	1	..	1	3	..	..	5	..	36	76	..
South Dakota	5	..	1	8	..	2	61	..	14	143	..	37
Nebraska	4	3	3	13	10	6	167	150	303	318	442	381
Kansas	11	8	4	21	20	7	539	594	75	1,410	975	284
Total West North Central	60	36	30	159	128	75	4,092	1,381	1,447	7,537	5,815	5,516
South Atlantic:												
Maryland	14	21	22	43	47	42	388	515	878	2,250	2,002	1,341
Delaware	1	1	..	3	2	..	176	46	..	316	171	..
District of Columbia	3	4	4	14	8	11	166	78	155	589	172	6,107
Virginia	13	16	3	38	33	14	364	508	76	1,324	960	407
West Virginia	8	7	12	20	20	28	151	134	165	634	343	1,041
North Carolina	21	12	7	34	32	15	487	300	972	1,384	722	1,294
South Carolina	6	8	3	26	17	21	57	202	14	465	450	1,194
Georgia	16	13	10	44	44	39	787	245	1,177	1,877	1,652	1,878
Florida	45	31	13	94	102	55	1,988	463	349	3,965	2,134	3,481
Total South Atlantic	127	115	74	316	305	225	4,564	2,491	3,786	12,804	8,606	16,743
East South Central:												
Kentucky	6	8	4	12	20	10	219	224	141	340	517	289
Tennessee	17	20	20	46	53	36	419	504	1,538	1,422	2,886	1,808
Alabama	5	5	7	24	13	20	58	137	306	624	409	791
Mississippi	6	6	3	30	17	15	88	234	51	1,057	586	434
Total East South Central	34	39	34	112	103	81	784	1,099	2,036	3,443	4,398	3,322
West South Central:												
Arkansas	6	4	5	15	5	13	97	42	49	335	44	407
Oklahoma	4	3	5	14	21	14	122	66	68	668	546	445
Louisiana	13	12	7	44	29	20	257	533	203	1,368	1,245	770
Texas	49	28	19	111	84	48	2,618	1,203	824	6,157	7,168	2,278
Total West South Central	72	47	36	184	139	95	3,094	1,844	1,144	8,528	9,003	3,900
Mountain:												
Montana	..	4	2	4	11	5	..	62	129	97	155	135
Idaho	4	..	1	8	5	2	33	..	54	216	157	129
Wyoming	1	..	1	2	..	4	130	..	33	137	..	68
Colorado	16	15	4	55	41	17	473	349	99	3,575	1,227	493
New Mexico	4	2	..	7	8	3	807	141	..	850	258	64
Arizona	11	10	6	28	27	26	126	436	156	925	1,488	680
Utah	6	4	1	15	14	16	222	115	14	701	356	1,279
Nevada	8	4	5	14	15	9	744	137	131	1,170	1,722	175
Total Mountain	50	39	20	133	121	82	2,535	1,240	616	7,671	5,363	3,023
Pacific:												
Washington	43	28	16	128	60	54	1,561	1,056	257	4,183	1,859	1,455
Oregon	33	13	8	101	33	18	735	1,257	157	2,895	2,912	393
California	201	234	216	544	595	635	5,722	6,233	6,576	17,969	18,344	20,193
Total Pacific	277	275	240	773	688	707	8,018	8,546	6,990	25,047	23,115	22,041
Total United States	1,336	1,170	1,038	3,630	3,242	2,854	55,833	42,622	41,209	175,299	134,701	121,137

Canadian Failures by Provinces—March and 3 Months 1957, 1956, and 1955

	NUMBER OF FAILURES						CURRENT LIABILITIES IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS					
	MONTH OF MARCH			THREE MONTHS			MONTH OF MARCH			THREE MONTHS		
Canada:	1957	1956	1955	1957	1956	1955	1957	1956	1955	1957	1956	1955
Newfoundland	..	4	2	..	7	5	..	136	65	..	224	171
Prince Edward Island	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	5
Nova Scotia	4	1	1	5	1	3	259	17	292	275	17	332
New Brunswick	3	2	2	6	4	3	34	43	16	89	243	45
Quebec	69	55	85	229	187	256	1,596	1,909	2,305	7,201	6,072	6,063
Ontario	61	44	38	146	124	104	2,935	3,698	912	7,965	8,934	2,879
Manitoba	6	2	8	14	10	18	242	2,195	412	518	2,355	1,090
Saskatchewan	3	..	2	10	3	8	140	..	134	218	42	496
Alberta	1	..	1	6	1	2	500	..	5	971	15	20
British Columbia	4	6	9	12	15	23	86	804	258	734	956	682
Total Canada	151	114	148	428	352	423	5,792	8,802	4,399	17,971	18,858	11,783

Failures by Industrial Groups and Size of Liabilities—March and 3 Months 1957 and 1956

(Liabilities in thousands of dollars)

	MARCH 1957				THREE MONTHS 1957				THREE MONTHS 1956			
	Number	Per Cent	Current Liab.	Total Liab.	Number	Per Cent	Current Liab.	Total Liab.	Number	Per Cent	Current Liab.	Total Liab.
MANUFACTURING	239	100.0	17,760	17,968	635	100.0	67,267	68,365	635	100.0	47,738	48,766
Under $5,000	27	11.3	76	76	61	9.6	180	180	60	9.5	188	188
$5,000 to $25,000	96	40.2	1,093	1,093	237	37.3	2,861	2,861	240	37.8	2,907	2,907
$25,000 to $100,000	69	28.9	3,304	3,304	198	31.2	9,677	9,677	217	34.2	10,931	10,931
$100,000 to $1,000,000	45	18.8	11,232	11,386	133	20.9	33,820	34,415	112	17.6	25,405	25,582
$1,000,000 and Over	2	0.8	2,055	2,109	6	1.0	20,729	21,232	6	0.9	8,307	9,158
WHOLESALE TRADE	121	100.0	6,000	6,000	318	100.0	17,626	17,646	336	100.0	14,862	14,896
Under $5,000	13	10.7	34	34	29	9.1	79	79	29	8.6	89	89
$5,000 to $25,000	52	43.0	663	663	122	38.4	1,563	1,563	154	45.9	1,991	1,991
$25,000 to $100,000	48	39.7	2,270	2,270	129	40.6	6,429	6,429	120	35.7	5,582	5,582
$100,000 to $1,000,000	7	5.8	1,870	1,870	36	11.3	7,292	7,312	32	9.5	6,060	6,094
$1,000,000 and Over	1	0.8	1,163	1,163	2	0.6	2,263	2,263	1	0.3	1,140	1,140
RETAIL TRADE	672	100.0	17,816	17,816	1,852	100.0	50,458	51,107	1,618	100.0	42,059	42,295
Under $5,000	111	16.5	339	339	343	18.5	990	990	337	20.8	941	941
$5,000 to $25,000	398	59.2	4,867	4,867	1,024	55.3	12,496	12,496	866	53.5	10,473	10,473
$25,000 to $100,000	139	20.7	6,203	6,203	411	22.2	18,249	18,249	352	21.8	14,744	14,744
$100,000 to $1,000,000	22	3.3	4,008	4,008	72	3.9	16,324	16,973	60	3.7	10,427	10,663
$1,000,000 and Over	2	0.3	2,399	2,399	2	0.1	2,399	2,399	3	0.2	5,474	5,474
CONSTRUCTION	205	100.0	10,424	10,558	562	100.0	29,536	29,670	417	100.0	23,133	24,125
Under $5,000	17	8.3	51	51	48	8.6	149	149	37	8.9	108	108
$5,000 to $25,000	97	47.3	1,278	1,278	257	45.7	3,371	3,371	173	41.5	2,317	2,317
$25,000 to $100,000	65	31.7	3,373	3,373	185	32.9	9,218	9,218	152	36.4	7,403	7,403
$100,000 to $1,000,000	25	12.2	4,722	4,856	71	12.6	15,798	15,932	53	12.7	10,631	11,623
$1,000,000 and Over	1	0.5	1,000	1,000	1	0.2	1,000	1,000	2	0.5	2,674	2,674
COMMERCIAL SERVICE	99	100.0	3,833	3,833	263	100.0	10,412	10,412	236	100.0	6,909	6,909
Under $5,000	15	15.2	48	48	53	20.2	164	164	58	24.6	161	161
$5,000 to $25,000	55	55.6	668	668	140	53.2	1,682	1,682	119	50.4	1,470	1,470
$25,000 to $100,000	23	23.2	945	945	52	19.8	2,269	2,269	47	19.9	2,125	2,125
$100,000 to $1,000,000	6	6.0	2,172	2,172	17	6.5	5,033	5,033	12	5.1	3,153	3,153
$1,000,000 and Over	..	..	..	..	1	0.3	1,264	1,264	..	..	..	..
TOTAL UNITED STATES	1,336	100.0	55,833	56,175	3,630	100.0	175,299	177,200	3,242	100.0	134,701	136,991
Under $5,000	183	13.7	548	548	534	14.7	1,562	1,562	521	16.0	1,487	1,487
$5,000 to $25,000	698	52.2	8,569	8,569	1,780	49.0	21,973	21,973	1,552	47.9	19,158	19,158
$25,000 to $100,000	344	25.7	16,095	16,095	975	26.9	45,842	45,842	888	27.4	40,785	40,785
$100,000 to $1,000,000	105	7.9	24,004	24,292	329	9.1	78,267	79,665	269	8.3	55,676	57,115
$1,000,000 and Over	6	0.5	6,617	6,671	16	0.3	27,655	28,158	12	0.4	17,595	18,446

Failures by Federal Reserve Districts by Divisions of Industry—March 1957

(Liabilities in thousands of dollars)

District:	MANUFACTURING		WHOLESALE TRADE		RETAIL TRADE		CONSTRUCTION		COMMERCIAL SERVICE		TOTAL UNITED STATES	
	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.
Boston (1)	9	1,807	6	148	24	427	7	285	5	98	51	2,765
New York (2)	85	5,980	34	936	170	4,581	41	2,621	21	1,013	351	15,131
Philadelphia (3)	14	2,112	11	946	34	848	14	900	3	46	76	4,852
Cleveland (4)	15	1,026	11	355	58	1,343	16	515	13	191	113	3,430
Richmond (5)	8	202	10	468	30	675	8	161	6	67	62	1,573
Atlanta (6)	14	515	9	170	41	972	21	737	4	1,012	89	3,406
Chicago (7)	23	2,557	11	983	65	3,054	21	894	9	374	129	7,862
St. Louis (8)	2	50	3	125	16	268	2	44	3	155	26	642
Minneapolis (9)	2	36	4	1,176	17	355	7	306	3	76	33	1,949
Kansas City (10)	8	933	2	51	21	907	10	390	2	27	43	2,308
Dallas (11)	13	1,001	8	224	30	473	7	833	2	288	60	2,819
San Francisco (12)	46	1,541	12	418	166	3,913	51	2,738	28	486	303	9,096
Total United States	239	17,760	121	6,000	672	17,816	205	10,424	99	3,833	1,336	55,833

Failures by Federal Reserve Districts by Divisions of Industry—3 Months 1957

(Liabilities in thousands of dollars)

District:	MANUFACTURING		WHOLESALE TRADE		RETAIL TRADE		CONSTRUCTION		COMMERCIAL SERVICE		TOTAL UNITED STATES	
	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.
Boston (1)	34	3,705	22	996	90	2,898	29	1,216	12	224	187	9,039
New York (2)	225	31,232	83	3,200	451	11,759	101	7,262	52	2,805	912	56,258
Philadelphia (3)	40	3,806	20	1,432	99	2,857	46	3,381	10	132	215	11,608
Cleveland (4)	27	3,251	28	1,122	136	4,623	45	1,672	25	1,705	261	12,373
Richmond (5)	23	1,931	17	1,102	92	2,018	26	1,018	11	461	169	6,530
Atlanta (6)	29	1,670	25	923	119	3,270	52	2,229	13	1,190	238	9,282
Chicago (7)	62	8,889	35	2,978	210	6,572	58	1,998	25	923	390	21,360
St. Louis (8)	5	99	12	1,728	46	804	7	291	4	216	74	3,138
Minneapolis (9)	6	154	8	1,362	46	866	9	375	11	398	80	3,155
Kansas City (10)	25	4,456	10	370	63	1,995	30	992	7	132	135	7,945
Dallas (11)	19	2,108	14	580	77	1,643	20	1,836	7	513	137	6,680
San Francisco (12)	140	5,966	44	1,833	423	11,153	139	7,266	86	1,713	832	27,931
Total United States	635	67,267	318	17,626	1,852	50,458	562	29,536	263	10,412	3,630	175,299

Failures by Industrial Groups—Monthly—1955 to Date

1955	Total Number	Mining & Mfg.	% of Total	Wholesale Trade	% of Total	Retail Trade	% of Total	Con-struction	% of Total	Commercial Service	% of Total
January	939	195	20.8	114	12.1	456	48.5	87	9.3	87	9.3
February	877	188	21.4	104	11.9	412	47.0	113	12.9	60	6.8
March	1,038	225	21.7	119	11.5	520	50.1	108	10.4	66	6.3
April	903	154	17.1	93	10.3	484	53.6	106	11.7	66	7.3
May	955	168	17.6	87	9.1	499	52.2	121	12.7	80	8.4
June	914	200	21.9	79	8.6	446	48.8	114	12.5	75	8.2
July	861	179	20.8	89	10.3	423	49.1	102	11.9	68	7.9
August	888	158	17.8	107	12.1	430	48.4	134	15.1	59	6.6
September	822	168	20.5	99	12.0	366	44.5	114	13.9	75	9.1
October	919	180	19.6	85	9.2	437	47.6	136	14.8	81	8.8
November	945	196	20.7	84	8.9	462	48.9	133	14.1	70	7.4
December	908	191	21.0	104	11.5	404	44.5	136	15.0	73	8.0
Total Year	10,969	2,202	20.1	1,164	10.6	5,339	48.7	1,404	12.8	860	7.8
1956											
January	1,048	209	19.9	106	10.1	535	51.1	126	12.0	72	6.9
February	1,024	202	19.7	108	10.5	511	49.9	141	13.8	62	6.1
March	1,170	224	19.2	122	10.4	572	48.9	150	12.8	102	8.7
April	985	186	18.9	92	9.4	463	47.0	153	15.5	91	9.2
May	1,164	245	21.1	118	10.1	575	49.4	132	11.3	94	8.1
June	1,105	183	16.5	115	10.4	551	49.9	163	14.8	93	8.4
July	1,018	165	16.2	85	8.4	540	53.0	141	13.9	87	8.5
August	1,101	195	17.7	98	8.9	567	51.5	146	13.3	95	8.6
September	932	140	15.0	85	9.1	489	52.5	146	15.7	72	7.7
October	1,158	198	17.1	112	9.7	584	50.4	182	15.7	82	7.1
November	999	166	16.6	94	9.4	482	48.3	171	17.1	86	8.6
December	982	172	17.5	72	7.3	472	48.1	183	18.6	83	8.5
Total Year	12,686	2,285	18.0	1,207	9.5	6,341	50.0	1,834	14.5	1,019	8.0
1957											
January	1,148	197	17.2	91	7.9	612	53.3	177	15.4	71	6.2
February	1,146	199	17.4	106	9.2	568	49.6	180	15.7	93	8.1
March	1,336	239	17.9	121	9.1	672	50.3	205	15.3	99	7.4
April	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
May	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
June	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
July	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
August	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
September	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
October	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
November	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
December	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total Year	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

Failures by Size of Liabilities—Monthly—1955 to Date

1955	Total Number	Under $5,000	% of Total	$5,000 to $25,000	% of Total	$25,000 to $100,000	% of Total	$100,000 to $1,000,000	% of Total	$1,000,000 and Over	% of Total
January	939	133	14.2	484	51.5	256	27.3	62	6.6	4	0.4
February	877	108	12.3	453	51.7	242	27.6	70	8.0	4	0.4
March	1,038	161	15.5	521	50.2	270	26.0	83	8.0	3	0.3
April	903	159	17.6	469	52.0	216	23.9	56	6.2	3	0.3
May	955	163	17.1	484	50.7	253	26.5	52	5.4	3	0.3
June	914	170	18.6	420	45.9	241	26.4	82	9.0	1	0.1
July	861	149	17.3	420	48.8	232	27.0	58	6.7	2	0.2
August	888	157	17.7	431	48.5	223	25.1	76	8.6	1	0.1
September	822	129	15.7	388	47.2	227	27.6	76	9.2	2	0.3
October	919	145	15.8	469	51.1	248	27.0	54	5.8	3	0.3
November	945	152	16.1	464	49.1	247	26.1	76	8.1	6	0.6
December	908	159	17.5	409	45.0	261	28.8	75	8.3	4	0.4
Total Year	10,969	1,785	16.3	5,412	49.3	2,916	26.6	820	7.5	36	0.3
1956											
January	1,048	178	17.0	490	46.7	303	28.9	73	7.0	4	0.4
February	1,024	159	15.5	468	45.7	282	27.5	110	10.8	5	0.5
March	1,170	184	15.7	594	50.8	303	25.9	86	7.3	3	0.3
April	985	137	13.9	489	49.7	279	28.3	76	7.7	4	0.4
May	1,164	194	16.7	579	49.7	278	23.9	109	9.4	4	0.3
June	1,105	193	17.5	505	45.7	322	29.1	81	7.3	4	0.4
July	1,018	175	17.2	486	47.7	302	29.7	50	4.9	5	0.5
August	1,101	198	18.0	515	46.8	269	24.4	111	10.1	8	0.7
September	932	127	13.6	487	52.3	245	26.3	71	7.6	2	0.2
October	1,158	188	16.2	560	48.3	303	26.2	104	9.0	3	0.3
November	999	152	15.2	491	49.2	282	28.2	72	7.2	2	0.2
December	982	147	15.0	488	49.7	263	26.8	79	8.0	5	0.5
Total Year	12,686	2,032	16.0	6,152	48.5	3,431	27.0	1,022	8.1	49	0.4
1957											
January	1,148	173	15.0	543	47.3	306	26.7	124	10.8	2	0.2
February	1,146	178	15.5	539	47.0	325	28.4	100	8.7	4	0.4
March	1,336	183	13.7	698	52.2	344	25.7	105	7.9	6	0.5
April	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
May	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
June	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
July	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
August	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
September	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
October	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
November	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
December	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total Year	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

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MINING & MANUFACTURING	NUMBER OF FAILURES								CURRENT LIABILITIES IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS							
	1956				1957				1956				1957			
Mining:*	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV
Coal	5	4	4	1	8				1,111	155	915	15	184			
Crude Petroleum, Natural Gas	2	1	7	6	10				412	86	2,157	476	4,285			
Miscellaneous Mines & Quarries	3	3	3	3	3				1,663	439	252	512	325			
Total*	10	8	14	10	21				3,186	680	3,324	1,003	4,794			
Food & Kindred Products:																
Bakery Products	13	11	8	12	7				363	1,787	450	376	265			
Beverages - Alcoholic	2	..	..	..	1				260	..	..	..	4			
Beverages - Non-alcoholic	6	3	6	8	3				403	150	184	315	43			
Confectionery	7	5	6	5	2				419	135	387	519	127			
Dairy Products	9	8	2	1	2				317	376	65	5	34			
Canning & Preserving	7	9	10	3	7				594	692	337	135	937			
Meat Products	4	4	5	5	12				79	180	529	81	1,611			
Grain - Mill Products	3	2	4	1	4				189	26	449	10	577			
Miscellaneous	7	4	6	2	6				357	83	103	11	134			
Total	58	46	47	37	44				2,981	3,429	2,504	1,452	3,732			
Textile Mill Products & Apparel:																
Textile Mill Products	18	15	14	13	19				1,859	3,696	990	2,201	3,501			
Knit Goods	8	7	6	6	14				332	431	369	554	1,533			
Men's & Boy's Clo. & Furnishings	17	13	8	5	15				2,163	1,220	1,181	301	1,085			
Women's & Children's Clo. & Acc's	79	77	53	57	69				3,144	4,060	1,739	2,447	2,740			
Miscellaneous Apparel	26	34	19	22	28				929	1,732	976	919	1,188			
Misc. Textile Products	11	15	7	7	4				495	1,389	419	990	64			
Total	159	161	107	110	149				8,922	12,528	5,674	7,412	10,111			
Lumber & Mill Products:																
Lumber & Basic Products	34	35	44	49	55				3,079	1,145	1,161	4,359	3,200			
Furniture	51	59	38	38	52				2,849	5,077	2,444	1,128	2,696			
Other Finished Products	16	12	8	17	13				590	454	136	476	680			
Total	101	106	90	104	120				6,518	6,676	3,741	5,963	6,576			
Paper, Printing & Publishing:																
Paper & Allied Products	6	9	3	3	8				91	603	129	194	921			
Printing & Publishing	21	19	37	25	28				614	1,138	4,060	713	703			
Total	27	28	40	28	36				705	1,741	4,189	907	1,624			
Chemicals & Allied Products:																
Chemicals & Allied Products	6	12	6	9	11				218	8,333	494	744	1,309			
Drug, Toilet & H'sehold Preparations	3	8	6	6	4				1,783	517	100	242	317			
Paints & Varnishes	2	..	3	..	..				111	..	65	..	..			
Total	11	20	15	15	15				2,112	8,850	659	986	1,626			
Leather & Leather Products:																
Leather	..	1	1	1	..				..	9	5	160	..			
Footwear	8	12	3	8	2				220	1,560	14	743	188			
Other Leather Products	15	17	9	9	15				1,030	512	457	809	2,425			
Total	23	30	13	18	17				1,250	2,081	476	1,712	2,613			
Stone, Clay & Glass Products:																
Stone Products	2	1	2	2	7				83	25	32	207	374			
Clay Products	1	6	3	1	6				599	85	502	20	276			
Glass Products	2	7	3	1	4				34	1,502	1,263	22	105			
Miscellaneous	1	..	1	..	..				146	..	200	..	..			
Total	6	14	9	4	17				862	1,612	1,997	249	755			
Iron & Steel Products:																
Iron & Steel Works	2	4	2	2	4				1,020	531	91	180	15,581			
Iron & Steel Products	31	33	25	40	28				2,282	2,700	2,559	2,693	3,312			
Total	33	37	27	42	32				3,302	3,231	2,650	2,873	18,893			
Machinery:																
Electrical Machinery	23	22	20	18	28				3,115	5,069	1,993	2,423	4,067			
Other Machinery	64	42	35	35	43				7,067	3,187	2,361	4,957	3,478			
Total	87	64	55	53	71				10,182	8,256	4,354	7,380	7,545			
Transportation Equipment:																
Automobiles & Equipment	9	8	5	12	6				698	152	233	1,527	545			
Other Transportation Equipment	7	6	6	11	12				740	1,017	214	628	878			
Total	16	14	11	23	18				1,438	1,169	447	2,155	1,423			
Misc. Manufacturing Industries:																
Non-Ferrous Metals & Products	29	26	23	29	28				1,629	1,234	1,772	7,293	2,171			
Petroleum, Coal & Gas Products	..	2	1	..	..				..	150	1	..	..			
Miscellaneous Industries	75	58	48	63	67				4,651	4,639	4,584	11,459	5,404			
Total	104	86	72	92	95				6,280	6,023	6,357	18,752	7,575			
Total Mining & Manufacturing	635	614	500	536	635				47,738	56,276	36,372	50,844	67,267			

(*) Subtract this group to obtain true Manufacturing total.

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RETAIL TRADE	NUMBER OF FAILURES								CURRENT LIABILITIES IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS							
	1956				1957				1956				1957			
Food & Liquor:	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV
Bakeries	33	32	32	23	39				416	471	499	323	648			
Confectionery & Nut Stores	13	11	10	14	10				153	111	106	292	69			
Dairy Products Stores	4	7	13	5	4				112	134	315	26	28			
Delicatessen Stores	18	17	15	18	25				253	145	281	325	359			
Grocery Stores	53	42	40	46	59				640	483	565	622	941			
Grocery & Meat Stores	79	111	110	116	111				1,247	2,344	3,098	2,285	3,117			
Meat & Fish Markets	27	40	40	44	37				420	595	446	755	600			
Fruit & Vegetable Markets	4	11	9	14	9				56	220	80	211	212			
Liquor Stores	4	7	6	5	4				61	71	81	116	55			
All Other Food Stores	4	11	7	7	6				74	117	66	158	109			
Total	239	289	282	292	304				3,432	4,691	5,537	5,113	6,138			
General Merchandise:																
Department Stores	2	1	..	..	2				526	812	..	..	719			
Variety Stores	18	24	23	21	13				302	375	713	364	225			
Dry Goods Stores	21	24	21	15	24				335	808	582	230	456			
General Merchandise Stores	18	15	18	11	36				1,953	710	411	706	2,190			
Country General Stores	8	6	16	11	8				170	129	365	135	134			
Total	68	70	78	58	83				3,286	2,834	2,071	1,435	3,724			
Apparel & Accessories:																
Family Clothing Stores	28	19	16	14	27				949	189	538	269	480			
Men's & Boys' Clo. & Furnishings Stores	65	74	55	50	59				2,439	1,775	1,063	1,172	1,783			
Women's Ready-to-wear Stores	109	110	102	105	112				1,927	1,744	7,598	2,241	1,999			
Women's Accessory Stores	32	26	27	14	34				610	346	183	143	435			
Shoe Stores	36	24	32	27	34				493	485	362	694	477			
Miscellaneous Apparel Stores	60	47	52	37	65				861	726	1,447	508	1,356			
Total	330	300	284	247	331				7,279	5,265	11,191	5,027	6,530			
Furniture & Home Furnishings:																
Furniture Stores	104	73	81	66	111				3,102	3,006	4,142	3,411	4,615			
Home Furnishings & Equipment Stores	33	33	35	41	47				934	750	877	764	585			
Electrical Appliance Stores	88	75	69	95	120				3,021	2,536	1,799	2,354	4,755			
Total	225	181	185	202	278				7,057	6,292	6,818	6,529	9,955			
Lumber, Bldg. Mtls., Hardware:																
Lumber & Bldg. Mtl. Dealers	43	46	50	52	67				1,688	1,927	1,370	1,791	1,876			
Paint, Glass, Wall Paper Stores	10	20	19	11	14				92	333	237	121	132			
Hardware & Farm Impl. Dealers	33	35	26	35	42				948	1,204	479	1,066	2,143			
Total	86	101	95	98	123				2,728	3,464	2,086	2,978	4,151			
Automotive Group:																
Motor Vehicle Dealers	55	45	58	53	53				6,455	2,295	3,096	2,942	3,133			
Automotive Accessory Dealers	12	17	3	11	13				304	245	90	266	339			
Garages & Repair Shops	44	46	44	37	46				514	687	863	359	516			
Filling Stations	70	73	68	81	85				1,276	858	833	890	907			
Other Automotive Dealers	2	2	2	4	3				4	44	11	159	307			
Total	183	183	175	186	200				8,553	4,129	4,893	4,616	5,202			
Eating & Drinking Places - Total	276	284	307	282	331				5,973	5,621	6,365	5,955	8,540			
Drug Stores - Total	38	42	44	41	43				671	1,303	728	784	1,579			
Miscellaneous Retail Trade:																
Cigar Stores	11	9	8	5	6				51	32	77	79	1,261			
Fuel & Ice Dealers	2	6	6	5	9				24	138	221	217	237			
Florists	14	10	8	17	8				401	226	68	205	147			
Jewelry Stores	32	22	25	19	24				1,018	915	731	332	821			
Book, Stationery & News Dealers	9	7	13	7	14				77	61	136	96	273			
Farm & Garden Supply Stores	11	10	13	18	17				340	173	284	265	699			
All Other Retail Stores	94	75	73	61	81				1,169	1,682	1,167	1,159	1,201			
Total	173	139	146	132	159				3,080	3,227	2,684	2,353	4,639			
TOTAL RETAIL TRADE	1,818	1,589	1,596	1,538	1,852				42,059	36,826	42,373	34,790	50,458			

Dun's Failure Index

(Apparent Annual Number of Failures per 10,000 Enterprises)

	Unadjusted Index				Adjusted Index*			
	1957	1956	1955	1954	1957	1956	1955	1954
January	50.4	47.9	42.9	39.4	48.0	46.1	40.9	36.8
February	59.3	50.9	45.6	47.9	51.1	43.5	38.6	40.9
March	58.7	49.6	44.0	46.7	54.9	46.4	41.1	43.6
April	....	45.2	39.7	42.9	....	42.2	36.8	39.7
May	....	51.3	43.7	43.1	....	48.9	41.6	41.0
June	....	48.7	40.2	42.5	....	49.2	40.6	42.9
July	....	46.4	39.1	37.6	....	49.9	42.0	40.4
August	....	46.5	37.4	40.1	....	51.7	41.6	44.1
September	....	44.2	37.5	37.5	....	51.4	43.6	44.1
October	....	50.6	41.9	39.9	....	53.3	44.6	42.4
November	....	49.5	46.8	46.4	....	48.5	46.3	46.4
December	....	44.8	39.8	40.3	....	47.2	42.3	42.9
Mo. Average	56.1	48.0	41.6	42.0	....	....	....	....

(*) Adjusted for seasonal variation.

DEFINITIONS

BUSINESS FAILURES include those businesses that ceased operations following assignment or bankruptcy; ceased with loss to creditors after such actions as execution, foreclosure, or attachment; voluntarily withdrew leaving unpaid obligations; were involved in court actions such as receivership, reorganization or arrangement; or voluntarily compromised with creditors out of court.

CURRENT LIABILITIES, as used in the Failure Record, have a special meaning; they include all notes and accounts payable and all obligations, whether in secured form or not, known to be held by banks, officers, affiliated companies, supplying companies, or the Government. They do not include long-term, publicly-held obligations. Offsetting assets are not taken into account.

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	NUMBER OF FAILURES								CURRENT LIABILITIES IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS							
	1956				1957				1956				1957			
	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV
WHOLESALE TRADE																
Food & Farm Products:																
Groceries & Food Specialties:																
Confectionery	4	3	2	4	7				103	81	62	202	184			
Groceries (full time)	3	3	5	1	4				165	90	67	12	204			
Meats & Provisions	10	11	13	20	11				266	473	620	623	321			
Fish & Sea Food	6	6	6	9	3				264	142	332	395	240			
Other Grocery Products	9	20	13	12	10				182	569	266	220	730			
Farm Products:																
Dairy & Poultry Products	6	5	10	15	17				140	333	731	804	2,007			
Fruits & Vegetables	26	14	15	14	14				1,005	1,058	694	499	1,040			
Farm Products-Raw Materials	3	5	7	4	2				65	440	1,005	161	1,107			
Beverages - Alcoholic	8	2	3	3	5				183	38	324	173	328			
Total Food & Farm Products	75	69	74	82	73				2,373	3,224	4,101	3,089	6,161			
Apparel	19	14	7	9	15				523	1,159	163	396	828			
Dry Goods	12	11	14	10	6				251	460	364	733	108			
Lumber, Bldg. Mtls., Hardware	47	39	35	26	36				3,492	2,018	10,848	1,763	1,877			
Chemicals & Drugs	11	10	15	9	12				183	302	681	294	346			
Motor Vehicles & Automotive Equip't.	17	17	17	15	20				746	555	1,629	646	1,189			
Misc. Wholesale Products:																
Coal, Coke, Petro. Products	1	3	5	4	2				75	142	219	339	18			
Electrical Goods	22	24	18	17	31				1,188	1,012	4,680	1,009	1,967			
Furniture & House Furnishings	17	20	9	15	14				446	2,406	549	388	640			
Machinery Equip & Supplies	33	40	22	34	25				761	1,770	1,339	1,309	810			
Paper & Its Products	8	9	6	5	11				165	524	107	157	428			
Tobacco & Its Products	5	..	2	1	..				171	..	70	37	..			
All Other	69	69	44	51	73				4,488	3,562	3,086	4,719	3,254			
Total Misc. Wholesale Products	155	165	106	127	156				7,294	9,416	10,049	7,958	7,117			
TOTAL WHOLESALE TRADE	336	325	268	278	318				14,862	17,134	27,835	14,879	17,626			
CONSTRUCTION																
General Building Contractors	152	180	153	223	224				11,326	13,749	13,313	15,727	17,033			
Building Sub-Contractors:																
Carpentering	10	9	13	13	19				229	171	264	401	293			
Painting & Decorating	22	24	21	27	21				492	406	334	651	398			
Heating & Plumbing	78	64	93	81	71				4,061	2,644	3,320	2,972	2,681			
Electrical	25	36	18	22	31				1,296	1,435	581	595	1,025			
All Other	108	107	115	144	159				4,247	5,023	4,461	7,817	5,147			
Total Building Sub-Contractors	243	240	260	287	301				10,325	9,679	8,960	12,436	9,544			
Other Contractors	22	28	20	26	37				1,482	1,014	562	2,230	2,959			
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION	417	448	433	536	562				23,133	24,442	22,835	30,393	29,536			
COMMERCIAL SERVICE																
Public Services:																
Transportation, Pass. & Freight	72	79	69	75	84				2,383	3,472	4,060	3,778	2,992			
Misc. Public Services	6	11	10	7	11				184	1,598	544	1,287	1,394			
Total Public Services	78	90	79	82	95				2,567	5,070	4,604	5,065	4,386			
Personal Services:																
Hotels	14	19	18	14	10				2,116	2,050	6,356	605	1,480			
Cleaning, Dying, Repairing	28	29	22	20	35				441	631	368	657	658			
Laundries	9	11	25	8	13				312	157	599	135	1,135			
Undertakers	1	3	1	3	1				1	23	2	34	10			
Other Personal Services	23	18	19	22	16				247	211	238	689	241			
Total Personal Services	75	80	85	67	75				3,117	3,072	7,563	2,120	3,524			
Business Services	32	39	36	49	38				701	1,041	886	1,317	1,951			
Repair Services (other than auto)	51	69	54	53	55				524	924	574	761	551			
TOTAL COMMERCIAL SERVICE	236	278	254	251	263				6,909	10,107	13,627	9,263	10,412			
TOTAL UNITED STATES	3,242	3,254	3,051	3,139	3,630				134,701	144,785	143,042	140,169	175,299			

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	NUMBER OF FAILURES								CURRENT LIABILITIES IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS							
	1956				1957				1956				1957			
	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV
Manufacturing:																
Food	4	3	4	5	6				140	31	336	82	275			
Textiles	15	12	9	3	13				2,668	372	409	114	920			
Forest Products	11	15	9	13	6				1,495	766	537	650	465			
Paper, Printing, Publishing	3	5	2	6	6				97	225	37	142	281			
Chemicals & Drugs	1	1	..	..	2				18	11	..	..	152			
Fuels	..	1	..	..	..				..	30	..	..	..			
Leather & Leather Products	2	1	4	..	7				190	2	158	..	497			
Stone, Clay, Glass & Products	2	2	2	1	3				131	23	94	12	289			
Iron & Steel	6	2	3	4	3				1,723	28	24	136	45			
Machinery	5	4	1	4	3				1,357	59	201	171	173			
Transportation Equipment	3	2	1	1	..				1,369	29	31	5	..			
All Other	4	10	7	9	7				224	1,289	254	133	414			
Total Manufacturing	56	58	42	46	56				9,412	2,865	2,081	1,445	3,511			
Wholesale Trade:																
Farm Products, Foods, Groceries	11	4	6	6	8				565	141	407	264	486			
Clothing & Furnishings	..	2	2	2	1				..	33	24	55	12			
Dry Goods & Textiles	1	4	1	..	2				36	166	40	..	124			
Lumber, Bldg. Mtls., Hardware	1	2	7	2	6				165	146	706	43	612			
Chemicals & Drugs	..	2	1	1	..				..	78	7	31	..			
Fuels	..	..	..	..	..				..	..	..	..	..			
Automotive Products	2	..	..	2	1				24	..	..	165	30			
Supply Houses	..	..	..	..	..				..	..	..	..	..			
All Other	12	10	10	17	15				749	384	443	736	962			
Total Wholesale Trade	27	24	27	30	33				1,539	948	1,627	1,294	2,226			
Retail Trade:																
Foods	26	25	26	33	29				447	217	321	392	385			
Farm Supplies, General Stores	5	18	4	5	5				129	313	515	118	86			
General Merchandise	6	5	5	3	7				122	80	95	256	321			
Apparel	27	20	14	22	42				515	640	288	272	749			
Furniture, Household Furnishings	28	33	20	33	34				741	950	1,000	1,258	971			
Lumber, Bldg. Mtls., Hardware	11	11	9	7	10				213	274	441	184	176			
Automotive Products	25	25	15	21	28				478	613	300	1,039	765			
Restaurants	33	24	23	20	28				366	298	283	224	475			
Drugs	..	4	2	1	2				..	61	26	20	69			
All Other	14	11	14	9	23				129	122	273	146	498			
Total Retail Trade	175	176	132	154	208				3,140	3,568	3,542	3,909	4,495			
Construction:																
General Contractors	30	26	24	49	49				1,080	1,430	1,132	2,730	4,314			
Carpenters & Builders	3	5	2	3	6				26	190	13	69	88			
Building Sub-Contractors	32	27	31	29	45				3,223	838	1,142	1,188	2,119			
Other Contractors	1	3	1	4	1				15	196	38	807	118			
Total Construction	66	61	58	85	101				4,344	2,654	2,325	4,794	6,639			
Commercial Service:																
Cleaners, Dyers, Tailors	6	3	2	2	3				21	126	7	23	18			
Haulage, Buses, Taxis, etc.	11	10	8	9	10				139	107	146	288	406			
Hotels	3	3	2	4	4				130	93	209	234	484			
Laundries	2	1	2	2	1				56	3	17	112	1			
Undertakers	..	..	1	1	..				..	..	67	12	..			
All Other	6	7	9	9	12				77	66	184	74	191			
Total Commercial Service	28	24	24	27	30				423	395	630	743	1,100			
TOTAL CANADA	352	343	283	342	428				18,858	10,430	10,205	12,185	17,971			

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	NUMBER OF FAILURES								CURRENT LIABILITIES IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS							
	1956				1957				1956				1957			
Provinces:	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV
Newfoundland	7	1	4	2	..				224	15	541	44	..			
Prince Edward Island	..	2	..	..	..				..	20	..	..	..			
Nova Scotia	1	1	2	2	5				17	175	52	124	275			
New Brunswick	4	3	4	6	6				243	49	201	238	89			
Quebec	187	165	163	176	229				6,072	3,179	5,023	4,619	7,201			
Ontario	124	120	79	129	146				8,934	5,380	2,819	6,151	7,965			
Manitoba	10	16	6	13	14				2,355	409	72	440	518			
Saskatchewan	3	9	4	1	10				42	362	253	5	218			
Alberta	1	7	6	2	6				15	364	307	52	971			
British Columbia	15	19	15	11	12				956	477	937	512	734			
TOTAL CANADA	352	343	283	342	428				18,858	10,430	10,205	12,185	17,971			

Quarterly Record of Canadian Failures by Cities—1957 and 1956

	NUMBER OF FAILURES								CURRENT LIABILITIES IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS							
	1956				1957				1956				1957			
Cities (1951 Population Ranking)	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV
Montreal, Que.	110	83	99	99	147				2,964	1,680	2,788	2,759	3,789			
Toronto, Ont.	36	40	15	31	50				2,472	2,265	400	2,289	2,198			
Vancouver, B. C.	11	9	9	7	10				893	193	797	134	492			
Winnipeg, Man.	6	11	3	11	10				82	251	22	402	471			
Ottawa, Ont.	11	5	9	9	9				299	153	342	871	326			
Quebec, Que.	12	7	13	6	9				785	113	861	80	322			
Hamilton, Ont.	3	2	2	3	5				2,010	184	14	103	202			
Edmonton, Alb.	..	1	2	1	5				..	240	215	40	471			
Calgary, Alb.	1	2	1	..	1				15	26	37	..	500			
London, Ont.	1	3	4	6	5				16	66	74	193	555			
Halifax, N. S.	..	1	1	1	2				..	175	22	89	78			
Regina, Sask.	1	..	1	2	3				9	..	233	44	141			
Saskatchewan, Sask.	1	1	..	1	1				21	155	..	5	6			
St. John's, Nfld.	3	1	1	..	..				137	15	55	..	..			
St. John, N. B.	..	..	..	..	3				..	..	..	..	55			
Total 15 Cities	196	166	160	177	260				9,703	5,516	5,860	7,009	9,606			
Balance of Country	156	177	123	165	168				9,155	4,914	4,345	5,176	8,365			
TOTAL CANADA	352	343	283	342	428				18,858	10,430	10,205	12,185	17,971			